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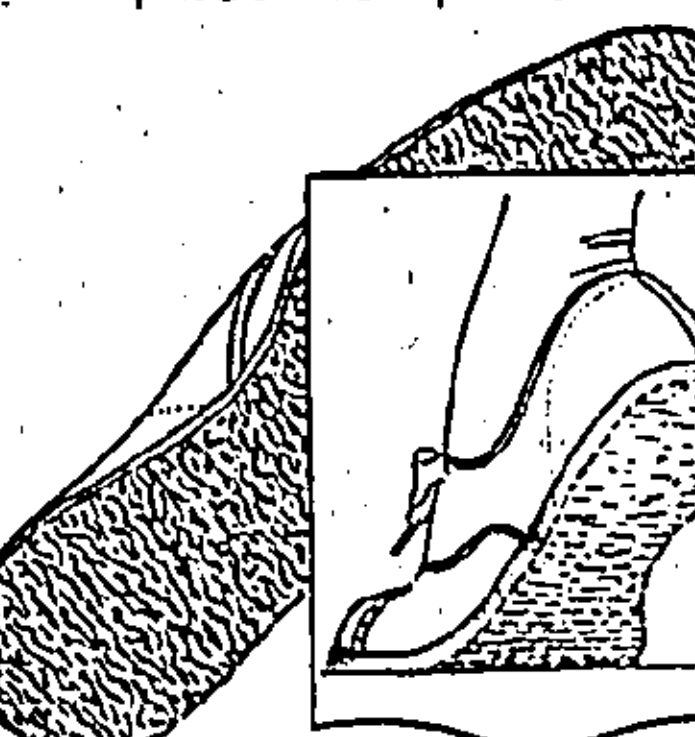
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STIRRING SCENES AT HAPPY VALLEY.
GREATEST NAVAL AND MILITARY DISPLAY IN COLONY'S HISTORY.

Hong Kong honoured the birthday of His Majesty the King this morning with a naval and military parade at Happy Valley, sailors, soldiers, and airmen all taking part.

Thanks to the large numbers of His Majesty's Forces present in Hong Kong, the parade was the largest ever held in the history of the Colony. Moreover it was the first in which planes have figured.

To-night the usual King's Birthday Ball will be held at Government House and a brilliant spectacle is promised, rounding off rejoicings unique for impressiveness and enthusiasm.



KING GEORGE

His Majesty King George V. was born on June 3, 1865; and in June 6, 1893, he married Princess Mary, daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Teck. On the death of his elder brother, the Duke of Clarence, on January 14, 1892, he became Heir to the Throne. He became Duke of Cornwall, on the accession of his father, King Edward in 1901, and was created Prince of Wales on November 9, 1901, after returning from a tour to Australasia. On King Edward's death, on May 6, 1910, George became King, and was crowned in Westminster Abbey, on June 22, 1911.

DENSE THROGS.

Happy Valley Besieged By Spectators.

Unique in the Colony's history for the numbers taking part and the thousands present as spectators, this morning's parade at Happy Valley was symbolic of the affection and loyalty that pervades His Majesty's subjects throughout the Empire and which finds notable expression on the occasion of the celebration of the Royal birthday.

The smart bearing and execution of movement of the 4,000 men—representative of the Royal Navy, Marines, 7 Battalions of Infantry and other military departments—bore witness to the fine material at the Colony's command, and the March Past the flagstaff, where H.E. the Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G., took the salute, provided a most impressive spectacle.

Constant Stream.
From early in the morning there was a constant stream of traffic in the direction of the Valley, only the excellent arrangements made by the Police preventing serious congestion. Would-be spectators from the centre of the City who had not allowed ample time found that trans- in spite of the considerably augmented service—were packed to capacity, and that they were faced with the prospect of trudging to or putting up with a slow and tedious journey by ricksha.

Stands Packed.

The spectacle at the Valley was well worth the early preparation for those who were able to obtain good points of vantage. Long before the time of His Excellency's arrival the stands of the Jockey Club were packed, among those present being some of the Colony's leading residents. Dense crowds surged around the railings everywhere and at every spot overlooking the Valley. Many must have put up with considerable discomfort to obtain a view of the proceedings.

A Brave Turn Out.

Formed up in close column, facing West towards the saluting base and race stands, the various units presented a brave appearance. With their Company officers, Commanding officers and Brigade, officers in position in front, the Companies were formed up in the following order from the right: Royal Navy, Royal Marines, Royal Artillery, Royal Engineers, Scots Guards, Queen's Own, Welch Regiment, Northampton, K.O.S.B.'s, Camerons, Volunteers, Punjabs, and Mule Corps.

The Military Brigade Commanders were as follows:—Col. W. C. P. Russell, D.S.O. (R.A.); Col. E. B. Mackintosh, D.S.O. (R.E.); Col. B. N. Sergeant, C.M.C. D.S.O. (15th Infantry Brigade); with Col. Commandant L. J. Comyn, C.M.G. D.S.O. (K.O.S.B.'s) in charge of the remainder of the military units. Lt. Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., was in charge of the Volunteer Corps detachment.

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HOME HONOURS.

Colonial Office Official's Services.

G.C.M.G. FOR CHIEF SCOUT.

The following Birthday Honours are announced in a Reuter cable from London, the two most interesting to Hong Kong being the C.B. conferred on Brigadier General Sir Samuel Wilson, Permanent Under Secretary of State for Colonies, and the G.C.M.G. conferred on Sir Robert Baden-Powell, the founder of the Boy Scout and Girl Guide movement.

Barons.

Sir Davison Dalziel, Conservative M.P. for Brixton Division, Lambeth from 1910 to 1928 and again from 1924, was created a baronet in 1919. He is Chairman of the Pullman Car Company and President of the Board of Directors and of the Managing Committee of the International Sleeping Car Co. He first introduced motor cabs in London.

Sir Gilbert Gressall, who succeeded to a first baronetcy, is President of the Royal Agricultural Society. He was appointed Sheriff of Cheshire in 1911.

Baronets.

Sir John Brickwood, F.R.S., F.Z.S., F.R.G.S., created a knight in 1904, is Chairman and Managing Director of Brickwood & Co., Ltd., Brewers, Portsmouth. For three years he was Chairman of the Portsmouth Chamber of Commerce and for four years Chairman of the National Trade Defence Association.

Sir Harry (William, Henry Neville) Goschen, K.B.E., is a Partner of Goschen and Cunliffe, a Director of the National Provincial and Union Bank of England, and a Director of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China. He was Chairman of the London Clearing Banks in 1918 and Prime Warden of the Goldsmiths Co. from 1919 to 1920.

Sir Harry Benedetto Renwick, K.B.E., was Director of feeding stuffs to the Ministry of Food from 1917 to 1918 and a member of several Government committees during the war. Besides being Chairman and Managing Director of numerous electric supply companies, including several in London, he is the founder and first Chairman of the Provincial Electric Supply Committee of the United Kingdom, and organised the unification of the supply of London.

Lieut.-Commander Geoffrey Cecil Congreve is nominally attached to H.M.S. "Victory" but since November 1916 has been employed on the river Severn Survey duty. He was appointed Lt.-Comdr. in June, 1926.

Mr. Ernest Craig, Unionist M.P. for Crewe from 1912 to 1918 and since 1924. A mining engineer and coalowner, he has published books on his special subject.

Mr. Reginald James Neville, Conservative M.P. for Wigan, from 1910 to 1918 and for East Norfolk since 1924. The eldest son of a judge of the High Court of Calcutta, he took up law as a profession and was called to the Bar in 1887. He is a Director of the Gas Light and Coke Company.

C.B.

Commander of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath (1899).

Air Vice-Marshal Henry Robert Moore Brooke-Popham, A.F.C., D.S.O., is the Air Officer Commanding the Fighting Area of the Air Defences of Great Britain since 1926. He entered the Army in 1898 and joined the

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GOOD TRAFFIC WORK.

Thanks to the effective handling of traffic by the Police Traffic Department, assisted by the special police flying squad nothing untoward has so far been reported in connection with concentration of traffic at Happy Valley, and the thoroughness leading to and from the scene of this morning's Birthday parade.

"WHOM THE KING—"

Birthday Honours For Hong Kong.

"SUNNING" AWARDS.

British Officials in China Remembered.

This year Hong Kong receives not less than five awards in the King's Birthday Honours—eight if we are to include, as we may, the "Sunning" recipients—as against none at all last year.

The honours which come to Hong Kong are a C.M.G. for Mr. W. T. Southorn, a C.B.E. for Mr. H. T. Creasy, an O.B.E. for Mr. Ho Kom-tong, an O.B.E. for Mr. H. P. Winslow, and I.S.O. for Mr. H. Dixon.

The "Sunning" awards are made to Mr. T. Beatty, Chief Officer, Mr. J. Hurst, Second Officer, (O.B.E.) and Mr. G. Cormack, Chief Engineer (M.B.E.) in recognition of "conspicuous ability and courage" in recovering the ship from the pirates.

Several British officials in China are also included, namely Mr. John Brennan (C.M.G.), Mr. O. St. C. O'Malley (C.M.G.), Mr. E. Telchman (C.M.G.), Mr. A. Ogden (O.B.E.) and Mr. W. P. Turner (O.B.E.)

C.M.G.

The Colonial Secretary Honoured.

The first name in the local list of King's Birthday honours is that of the Hon. Mr. Wilfrid Thomas Southorn, B.A., who becomes a Companion of the Order of St. Michael & St. George.

Mr. Southorn was appointed in May last year after 22 years' service in Ceylon, where he rose to be Principal Assistant Colonial Secretary, chairman of the Colombo Port Commission and a member of both the Legislative and Executive Councils.

During his comparatively brief stay in Hong Kong, Mr. Southorn has made himself very popular by his personality, his tact and his marked ability.

C.B.E.

Hong Kong's Director of Public Works.

By a coincidence, the second Hong Kong recipient is also a former Ceylon official. This is the Hon. Mr. Harold Thomas Creasy, M.I.C.E., A.M.I.E.E., the Director of Public Works, who is now on home leave.

Mr. Creasy is created a Commander of the Order of the British Empire, presumably, for his outstanding services in the two Colonies.

When appointed to Hong Kong, he had had 26 years' service in Ceylon to his credit, and he had risen to be acting Director of Public Works.

His advent in the P.W.D. here was marked by a reorganisation of the Colony's greatest spending department, the outstanding feature of which was the decentralisation of administration into sub-departments. Many new schemes have been carried out in different parts of the Colony under Mr. Creasy's control.

O.B.E.

Mr. Ho Kom-tong & Mr. H. P. Winslow.

Two Hong Kong residents are made Officers in the British Empire Order, one being an official and the other a leading Chinese resident, Mr. H. P. Winslow (manager, Kowloon-Canton Railway, British section) and Mr. Ho Kom-tong, respectively.

Mr. Ho Kom-tong is a younger brother of Sir Robert Ho Tung and the late Mr. Ho Fook. He has taken a prominent part in the Colony's trade and still acts in an advisory capacity for a number of concerns. His public career is referred to on page 7.

Mr. Ho's smiling face is known to all sections of the community. The number who have benefited by his advice and material help is considerable. Very broad-minded and a generous supporter of many public movements, Mr. Ho Kom-tong is also a patron of the arts and an expert in Chinese medicine. Recently he has taken up the racing of China ponies, scoring a win in his maiden race at the annual meeting this year. It was in October, 1911, that Mr. Winslow was appointed the first manager of the British section of the railway to Canton (the executive control having originally been in the hands of a chief resident engineer).

As the result of political upheavals on the Chinese section of the line, the administration has been confronted with many difficulties but the service between Kowloon and Samchun remains in satisfactory condition—a tribute to Mr. Winslow's energy and ability.

Mr. Winslow, who is a Cantab B.A. and M.Inst.T., is on home leave at present.

I.S.O.

Ex-St. Joseph's College Boy Honoured.

Mr. Henry Dixon, superintendent of the Money Order Office in the G.P.O., is created a Companion of the Imperial Service Order.

Mr. Dixon was educated at St. Joseph's College. He has 37 years' Government service to his credit. Except for brief periods when he was seconded for service at Shanghai, he has always held the position he occupies to-day—a record which must be unique. In 1900 he went on special duty to the Shanghai postal agency to reorganise the money order office there. In 1901, he was acting Postmaster at Shanghai.

A very ardent churchgoer, Mr. Dixon is one of the leading Catholic residents in the Colony. He is President of the Wanchai Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, hon. treasurer of St. Raphael's Society, President of the St. Joseph's College Association's committee, President of St. Margaret's Church Centre, and Vice-President of the St. Margaret's Church committee of the Confraternity of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

"SUNNING" EPIC.

Heroic Officers' Bravery Recognised.

Recognition is given the bravery of the British officers of the Mercantile Marine who turned the tables on the pirates of the "Sunning" last winter after the steamer had been seized.

Mr. Thomas Beatty (chief officer) and Mr. Joseph Hurst (second officer) receive the O.B.E. while Mr. George Cormack gets the M.B.E. "for conspicuous ability and courage" in recovering the vessel from pirates in China on Nov. 15, 1926.

Mr. Beatty and Mr. Hurst took the initiative in wresting control of the ship from the pirates' hands after the ruffians had been in control for some hours and were looking for Chalang Point. They also participated in the heroic defence of the "Sunning's" bridge when the pirates had set fire to the ship. Mr. Cormack was used by the pirates as a screen when they rushed the bridge and had the misfortune to be shot down.

CHINA HONOURS.

C.M.G.

Mr. John Brennan, Acting British Consul-General at Canton.

Mr. Owen St. Clair O'Malley, Counsellor at the British Legation, Peking.
Mr. Eric Telchman, Chinese Secretary to the British Legation, Peking.

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NOTICES.

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE FOURTH EXTRA RACE

MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on SATURDAY, 4th June and MONDAY, 6th June, 1927, commencing at 2.45 p.m. on both days. The first bell will be rung at 2.15 p.m.

The charge for admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1 per day for all persons including Ladies.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform half price.

Members are advised that they must show their Badges to obtain admission to the Members' Enclosure.

Each member has the right to introduce 2 non-members to the Members' Enclosure, tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis at \$5 each per day up to THURSDAY, 2nd June, 1927.

The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$2. Each member can obtain, upon application to the Secretary, Badges for admission of 2 Ladies free of charge.

Hong Kong, 28th May, 1927.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE FORTY-NINTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Offices of the General Agents, Pedder Street, on TUESDAY, 7th June, 1927, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1926.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 26th May to 7th June, 1927, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Agents.
Hong Kong, 16th May, 1927.

PEAK TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on THURSDAY, 8th June, 1927, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ended 30th April, 1927.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, 4th June to FRIDAY, 10th June, 1927, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 30th May, 1927.

HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of MEMBERS will be held in the Pavilion of the Hong Kong Cricket Club, Victoria, Hong Kong, at 6.30 p.m. on FRIDAY, 10th June, 1927, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, approving the following resolutions:—

(1) That the Committee be and are hereby authorised to take the necessary steps to add a second storey to the Pavilion and make such alterations and improvements to the existing building as may be deemed advisable.

(2) That the Committee be and are hereby authorised to borrow such sums of money and make such financial arrangements as may be required for the time to carry out the work approved by Resolution No. 1.

By Order of the Committee.
L. S. GREENHILL,
Hon. Secretary
Hong Kong, 1st June, 1927.

NOTICE.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that Mr. LAM WING YAN and Miss MYRA CHANSON have both RESIGNED from the undersigned Company as from May 26th, 1927. Their Power to sign for and on behalf of the Company is therefore revoked as from the above mentioned date.

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COMMISSION OF INQUIRY.

A specially appointed commission of inquiry has just reported on the results of its inspection into the working of the services of the Soviet State Mercantile Marine, generally known as the "Sovtorgflot." According to the "Pravda," of Moscow, the official organ of the Soviet, one of the leading results of the inquiry are as follows:—The inquiry has shown that the administration of the "Sovtorgflot" is overloaded with an excessively large personnel, and that accordingly the expenses were out of all proportion to the work done. The Central Administration alone costs 500,000 roubles per annum.

So far as regards the operation of the fleet, the commission of inquiry finds that the "Sovtorgflot" has been very negligent in the matter of getting rid of old, out-of-date ships. Out of the 422 vessels comprising the fleet, a little more than one-half are suitable for navigation and many even of these are in need of repair.

Several of the regular lines are worked at a loss, especially those of the Far Eastern and Crimean

services. The ice-breaker services were also worked at a loss. On the other hand, the rates both for goods and passengers have been increased between 200 and 300 per cent. as compared with pre-war rates, their increase being 20 per cent. higher than that of the railway tariff.

The Commissariat of Inspection, which has been examining the report, declares that it is indispensable completely to reform the administration of the "Sovtorgflot" and to place the management in the hands of a single responsible director. The personnel must be very severely reduced and various reforms introduced in the methods of management, so that financial difficulties can be overcome without any further raising of freight rates. Furthermore, the commissariat strongly recommends the disposal of all unsuitable units.

"SUNNING" REPORT.

The Colonial Secretary has requested the Hong Kong Chinese General Chamber of Commerce to make a report on the piracy of the s.s. "Sunning." A general meeting was held at the Chamber of Commerce on May 27, and a committee appointed to go into the matter. The members of this committee are:—Messrs. Wu Chung-tong, T. N. Chau, Lo Yum-shen, Sum Pak-ming and Chau Yung.

OIL VESSEL PIRATED.

The "Taiping Shan," an oil cargo vessel of the A. P. C. fleet is reported to have been captured by pirates in four rowing boats near Whangmoon on May 31, when going up-River to Wuchow. Near Whampoa, a group of Cantonese soldiers intervened. The pirates ran the vessel aground and decamped with their loot (comprising the crew's own property) and the soldiers brought the "Taiping Shan" back to Whangmoon.

NEW STEAMER HERE.

A new arrival in harbour yesterday was the Hamburg Amerika s.s. "Ramses" from Hamburg and Mirl. This ship is on her initial voyage to Hong Kong. She was built in 1925 for the Deutsche Austral and Kosmos Linien at the Flensburg yards. She is oil engine and has a length of 481 feet, beam 63 feet and moulded depth, 27 feet. The engines are six cylinder Diesels and are capable of producing 1,587 N.H.P. Gross tonnage 7,983 and net 4,899.

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The m.v. "Benares" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.) left Antwerp on May 20, and is due here on or about June 28.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" arrived at Nagasaki yesterday, at 6 a.m., left that port at 12.30 p.m., same day, and is due at Shanghai to-day at 1 p.m. She will leave Shanghai to-morrow, at noon.

Chinese seamen who work on local river boats have been notified that they should surrender the badges issued by the (proscribed) Seamen's Union as the possession of any of these badges is regarded as illegal.

One of the Dragon Boats out at practice on the Canton River on Wednesday is reported to have been swamped by the wash from a passing Hong Kong river steamer. The paddlers were observed to swim for shore but, it is stated, a number of shots were fired at the steamboat after she had got under way again (she having slowed down when the Dragon Boat foundered).

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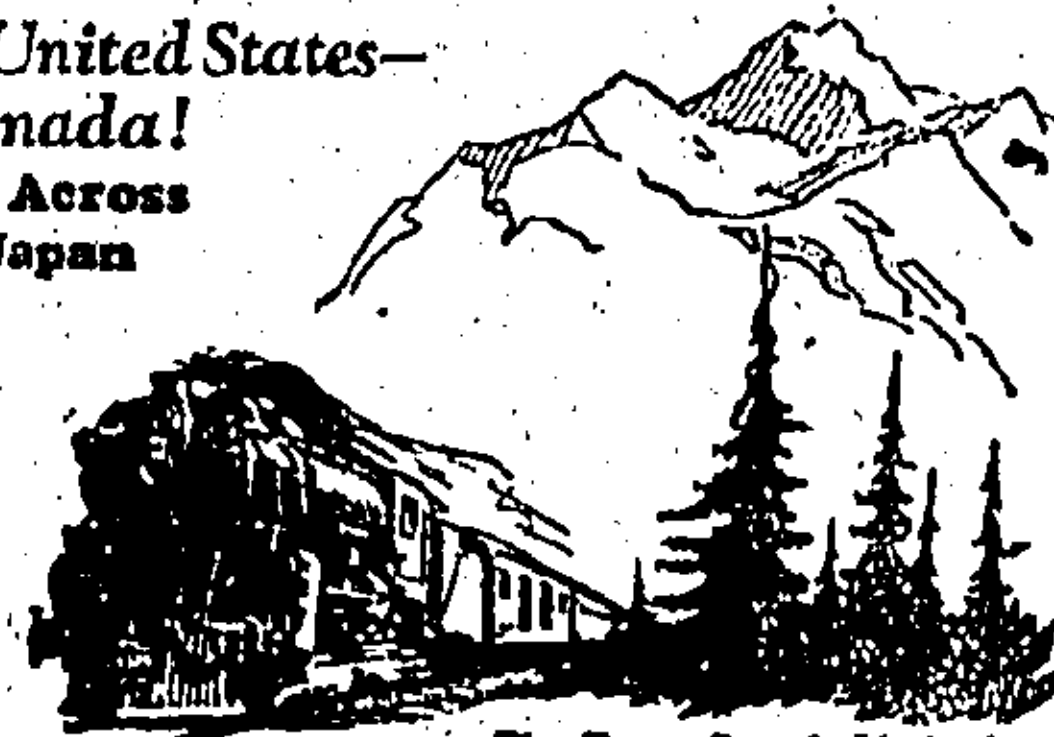
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SEMPORNA	Departure	" 3	5 a.m.
	Arrival	" 3	Noon
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KALYAN	9,144	16th July	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
ALIPORE	5,273	21st July	Straits & Bombay
WACEDONIA	11,120	23rd July	Marseilles & London
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TALMA	10,000	10th June	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
KALYAN	9,144	16th June	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
ALIPORE	5,273	21st June	Shanghai, Kobe & Moji
WACEDONIA	11,120	23rd June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
*NOVARA	6,980	29th June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
ARAFURA	6,000	5th July	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
KASHGAR	9,005	8th July	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
RAWALPINDI	16,619	22nd July	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama

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Touching in its simplicity, the memorial service held on the Wallasey ferry steamer "Royal Iris" yesterday, says the "Journal of Commerce" of April 25, admirably served the purpose of recalling the "Nelson touch" which characterized the epic attack on the Zeebrugge Mole on St. George's Day, 1918, by the "Dover Patrol" under the command of Admiral Sir Roger Keyes, and virtually ended the disastrous submarine war which for so long had been waged by the Germans.

It also served another useful purpose. That was to reawaken the interest of Merseysiders in the outstanding part played in the memorable naval enterprise by the Wallasey ferry steamers "Royal Iris" and "Royal Daffodil" which Admiral Keyes, subsequently writing to the Wallasey Corporation, described as "your two stout boats."

The event attracted a large concourse of people, in spite of the fact that the climate conditions were far from pleasant, consisting, as they did, of a bitterly cold wind and driving rain. The attendance included leading representatives of local civic bodies, and relatives of those who were killed, and also took part, in the historic attack on the Mole.

Prior to the service, which was, as usual, organized by the Old Comrades' Association and held in mid-river, Lieut.-General Sir A. R. H. Hutcheon inspected a number of ex-naval men of different ratings and marines, who were drawn up on the Liverpool Landing-stage. The service itself was conducted with much feeling by the Rev. Lord Thurlow, honorary chaplain to the Royal Marine Old Comrades' Association, and was held on the upper deck of the steamer. While the vessel was being slowly navigated from the berth she had occupied at the landing-stage into mid-river, several appropriate hymns were sung with much heartiness, and afterwards Lord Thurlow, in the course of a touching address, paid feeling tribute to the valour of the officers and men who had given their lives for Great Britain at Zeebrugge.

To mark the occasion, many beautiful wreaths had been sent by different associations and organizations in different parts of the country, including London, Southampton, Deal, Chatham, and Liverpool. These were reverently placed on the upper deck, and one on the navigating bridge of the vessel, where, even after he had been mortally wounded, Commander Valentine Gibbs lay directing operations at the Mole. One of the wreaths was from the Zeebrugge Survivors' Association.

The "Last Post" was sounded as the "Royal Iris" was slowly returning to the landing-stage, and the service was brought to a fitting conclusion with the singing of the National Anthem, the congregation reverently standing, bareheaded, the while.

Wreaths of red roses were placed on the war memorial fronting the Liverpool Cotton Exchange by ex-naval members of the cotton trade.

Subsequently the seventh annual reunion dinner of the Old Comrades' Association of the Royal Marines was held aboard the training ship "Englet."

TOURISTS IN CHINA.

The Canadian Pacific liner "Empress of Scotland," 25,000 tons, the largest steamer on the Canadian service, with a large party of British round-the-world passengers, is due to arrive at Southampton tomorrow after an absence of 161 days, during which time she has covered over 36,000 miles in her round-the-world trip, visiting 29 ports in 20 countries, said the "Journal of Commerce" of April 27. In each of the latter the ship's Round-the-World Golf Club played a round of golf, one of its members actually teeing off from the top of the Great Pyramid near Gizeh, in Egypt. The 400 passengers spent Christmas in the Holy Land, visited all the historic shrines in India, and reached Shanghai simultaneously with the arrival there of 4,000 British troops. In spite of the outbreak of civil war in China, the passengers of the "Empress of Scotland" visited Shanghai unmolested, and proceeded to Peking, where the Government voluntarily offered them official safe conduct, the steamer proceeding homeward via Japan, the Philippines, Hawaii, San Francisco, and the Panama Canal, disembarking at New York, a large contingent of American round-the-world passengers.

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Paris, June 2.
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Tsingtau via Swatow & S'hai	KWONGSANG	Wed. 8th June, at 10 a.m.
Straits & Calcutta	FOOKSANG	Wed. 8th June, at 3 p.m.
Sandakan	MAUSANG	Fri. 10th June, at 3 p.m.
Tientsin	CHIHSHING	Sun. 12th June, at 7 a.m.
Tsai via Swatow & S'hai	HANGSANG	Sun. 12th June, at 7 a.m.
Tsai via Swatow & S'hai	FOOSHING	Wed. 15th June, at 7 a.m.
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For some days past Mr. Baird has been surrounding a face with a fog and reproducing a clear image of it in the television. On Saturday, states "The Observer" just to hand, he made a chemical fog so dense that it was necessary to substitute a ventriloquist's dummy for a human head. This figure was enshrouded by the fog, and was then illuminated by invisible rays.

On the screen in another department of the laboratory brilliant dots of light flashed up in constant motion, and rapidly, in a revolving picture, the image of the dummy head clearly shaped itself and grinned upon the company.

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Amongst those who witnessed the demonstration was Admiral Mark Kerr, who expressed his great pleasure and satisfaction. "I am not a scientist," he said, "but I am interested in this invention because, if we can get vision even through light fog, it will solve the most difficult problem of the sea and air. Practically the only danger in the air that is insoluble is fog, and the same may be said of the sea. In the densest fog you can do nothing at sea, but this invention shows that in an ordinary fog vision can be so extended that insurance rates should go down considerably and accidents should become fewer."

"We have seen this morning a face through a fog, and that is the reason why I think the invention is one of the biggest things we have had for a very long time; and if it succeeds it will be of the greatest benefit to all who use the sea and air."

Is there anything to prevent your going ahead with it? Mr. Baird himself was asked.

"Nothing," he replied. "We intend to go ahead with it at once."

150 Years B.C.

"It has been only the lack of means," Admiral Mark Kerr remarked, "that has prevented many inventions in the past from immediately going ahead. Wireless telegraphy, for example, was talked about by Kelvin years ago, but it was not until someone arrived with money at his back that it was pushed along. How many years ago do you think it was that the first turbine was invented?" he asked.

"A hundred and fifty years before Christ," was his answer. "And the first submarine," he went on to say, "went to the bottom of the Thames in the reign of James II. Every inventor's generation is to get the advantage of it."

"Another thing we have seen is that half our inventions go abroad, and other nations reap the benefits and the work and wages that result from them. If only the people of this country had the vision of Edison we should have a great many more inventions."

"What is to be the next step?" Mr. Baird was then asked.

"We have arranged," he said, "to have a peacemaker fitted on a coasting steamer between Dundee and London in a few weeks' time, and we shall endeavour then to penetrate the fog at sea and pick up lighthouses and other shipping."

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July 13	Seattle	Borngaria	Aug. 10	Obg-Sampton Aug. 16
July 19	San Francisco	Leviathan	Aug. 20	Obg-Sampton Aug. 26
July 27	Seattle	Apollonia	Aug. 24	Obg-Sampton Aug. 30
Aug. 2	San Francisco	Majestic	Sept. 3	Obg-Sampton Sept. 9
Aug. 10	Seattle	Nuretanla	Sept. 6	Obg-Sampton Sept. 12
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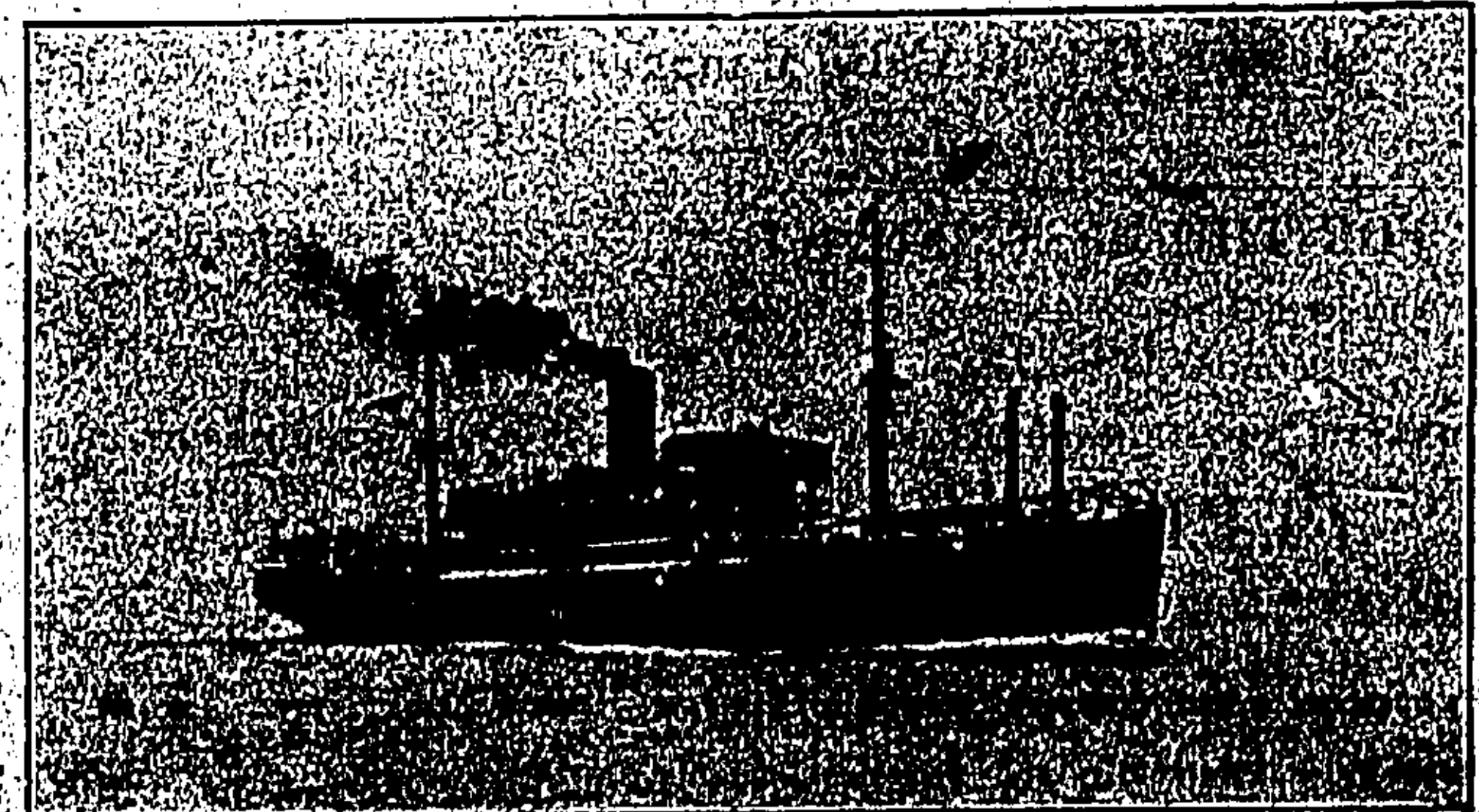
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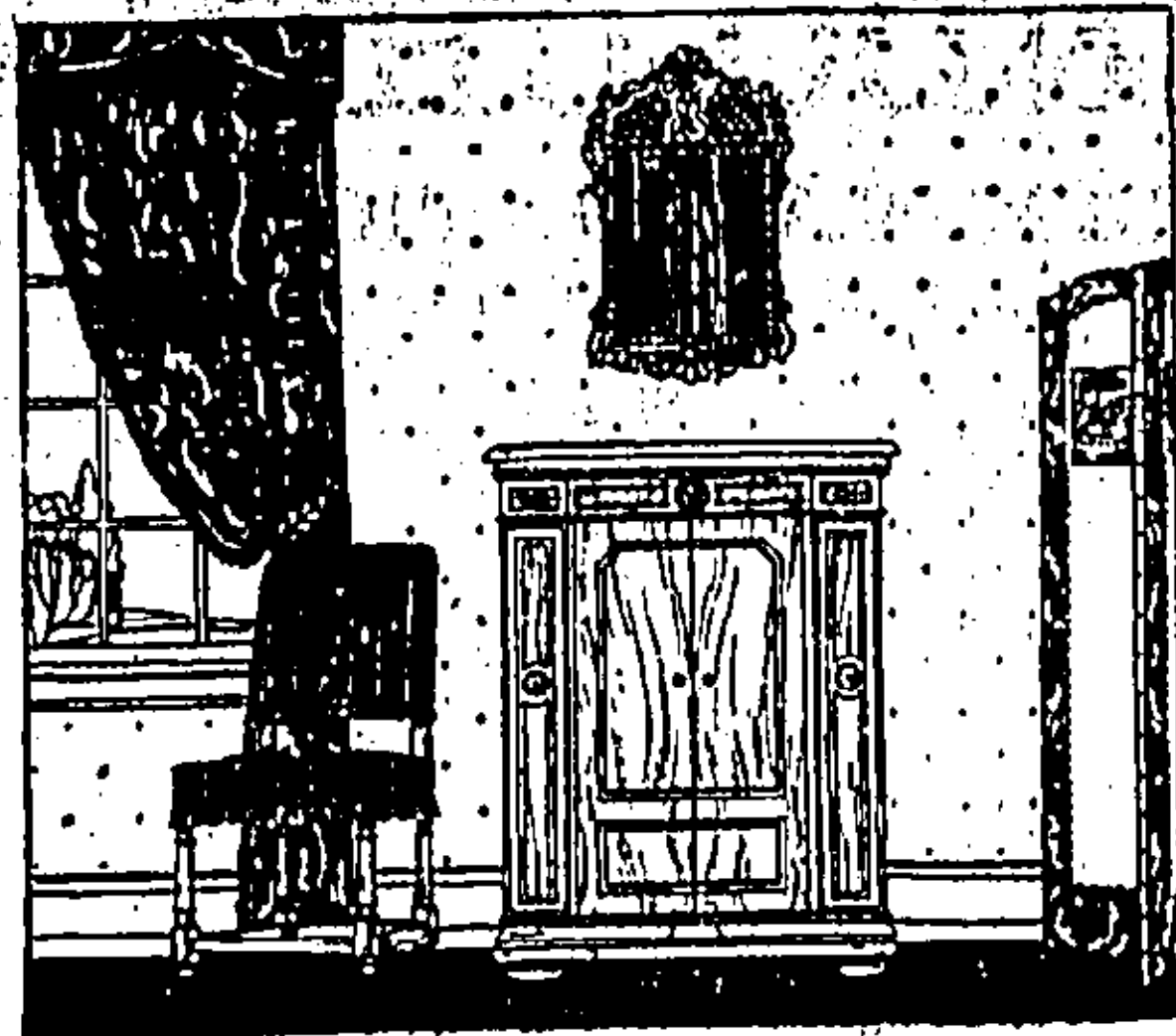
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THE KING.

To-day Hong Kong is making
holiday free to celebrate the
birthday of His Majesty the King.
Before these lines appear the
grand military parade at Happy
Valley will be over—the greatest
event of its kind in the history of
the Colony—and eager anticipa-
tion will have turned to the Hall
to be held at Government House
to-night. The enthusiasm with
which Hong Kong is celebrating
the auspicious occasion this year
goes much deeper than mere de-
light in surcease from workaday
cares and the excitement of a
splendid pageant. The Colony's
rejoicings spring from the heart.

Other parts of the Empire may
celebrate the King's birthday
with equal fervour, perhaps with
greater display, but none can do
so with more sincerity. Situated
only a few miles from one of
China's storm centres, the Colony
has had frequent cause to remem-
ber the benefits of the British
flag, and in return to reaffirm its
unwavering loyalty to the British
Crown. Hong Kong's confidence
and allegiance have not been
misplaced—on the contrary, they
have been accepted and rewarded
in full measure.

Only last March His Majesty's
Government took fresh opportu-
nity to clarify Hong Kong's
position as a unit in our great
Empire, the Secretary of State for
Colonies, in a message to the
District Watchmen Committee,
conveying "to the whole com-
munity sincere sympathy in its

Father of Modern Surgery.

A man who has saved more
lives than were lost in the great
war, and whose work is still pro-
viding medical science with one
of its greatest weapons against
disease, was honoured last
month by celebrations to mark
the centenary of his birth. He
is Lord Lister, the "father" of
modern surgery, the miracle-
worker of medicine, who by his
discovery of antiseptics swept
away the scourge of gangrene
and blood poisoning, and reduced
the death toll from operations to
a minimum. Before Lister made
his great discovery more than

half the surgical patients died as
the result of operations. Nobody
knew anything about antiseptics
and sterilisation as they are un-
derstood to-day. Even ordinary
cleanliness was neglected. At
Glasgow Infirmary, when Lister
first went there as a professor of
surgery, he found tier upon tier
of coffins beneath the floor of the
accident ward—grim relics of the
cholera epidemic of 1840. A few
yards from the window of the
operating theatre was a cemetery
with open pits used for the burial
of paupers. The stench was
frightful. So bad were the con-
ditions that surgeons were almost
afraid to operate for fear of the
dreaded gangrene supervening.
But all the time Lister was
working in secret to find the key
that was going to unlock the door
to safety for millions of sufferers.
It was his life's work and, realis-
ing how so many lives were being
uselessly frittered away through
ignorance, he threw himself heart
and soul into it. He was suc-
cessful beyond his wildest dreams.
In a remarkably short time he
had revolutionised the whole
course of surgery and made the
use of the knife comparatively
safe and hygienic. Not one
patient in the wards under his
charge suffered from gangrene
and blood-poisoning. Mortifica-
tion after operations became
practically unknown. Patients
made wonderful recoveries and
the mortality dropped to an
hitherto unknown degree. Lister
died on February 10, 1912. At
his own request, he was quietly
buried in Hampstead Cemetery.
Only the simple inscription of his
name, birth and death is inscribed
upon the tomb of one who will be
revered as long as humanity has
memory.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A SOLDIER'S PROTEST.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Sir,—Would you find space to
insert these few lines in your
paper. Coming to barracks, on
the ferry from Hong Kong, last
night, a woman was heard to say
that all soldiers should be made
to travel third class, with the
Chinese. Does she think we
wanted to come out here? Does
she know that most of us were
civilians three months ago, and
have had to leave our employ-
ment, which was hard enough to
get, to come out here and protect
the interests of the likes of her?
The least we expect in return is
civility.

Yours etc.,

A SOLDIER.
Hong Kong, June 2.

AFTER 7 YEARS.

POPULAR POLICE OFFICER RETIRES.

A popular police officer will be
severing his connection with Hong
Kong in three weeks' time. He is
Divisional Inspector W. F. Black-
man, in charge of the Wanchai dis-
trict.

Inspector Blackman first arrived
in the Colony in 1920 as a Marine,
and transferred to the Hong Kong
Police Force in March of the same
year. Seven years later, he was
promoted Lance Sergeant in Jan-
uary 1927. The Crown of the full
Sergeant came in April 1928. He
reached his rank of Inspector in
February 1922 since when he has
been practically continuously in
charge of No. 2 Police Station, ex-
cepting for a period when he was
acting Chief Inspector.

Inspector Blackman has booked
his passage home by the s.s. "Man-
tun" which is due to sail on June
22. He will be accompanied by
Mrs. Blackman and their daughter
and son.

The Inspector and his family who
have made a lot of friends during
27 years residence in Hong Kong,
will take with them the best wishes
of all for a bon voyage and happy
retirement in the Old Country.

DEAF IN DAY.

BUT COULD HEAR AT NIGHT.

A man who claimed he was deaf
in the day time but could hear fair-
ly well at night, appeared as a wit-
ness before Mr. W. Schofield at the
Kowloon Magistrate's yesterday
afternoon. He gave evidence for
the prosecution in a case in which
a Chinese constable was charged
with demanding money from an old
man for the return of an opium
pipe of which the accused had taken
possession.

Mr. W. Le Bart Sparrow, A.S.P.
prosecuted, while the accused was
represented by Mr. G. R. Hayward.
After hearing the evidence, the
Magistrate agreed with Mr. Hay-
ward that there was "insufficient
evidence on which to convict and
discharged the accused."

Police Headquarters observed a
holiday to-day with the exception
of the Criminal Investigation and
Traffic Departments, and Chan-
celary and ordinary duties.

DRAGON BOAT DAY

Notable Anniversary on Saturday.

"OLD" RACES THIS YEAR.

To-morrow is the 5th day of
the 5th "moon" according to the
Chinese (lunar) calendar.

The Chinese classical name is
"tien chung chieh." In the
Cantonese colloquial it is "tuen
yeung chiet." Essentially, the
day is the Dragon Boat Festival.

Until 1924, the festivities in
Hong Kong were mainly confined
to the dragon boat races. The
festival has not been observed as
a general holiday by Chinese
until recent years when the ad-
vent of labour unions brought
about a day of rest for the toiler.
The strike intervening, there
were no celebrations last year.

Sh Henry May's Support.

When the late Sir Henry May
was Governor, he seldom with-
held his patronage from the
dragon boat races at Aberdeen.
The events at this place gradually
lost favour for want of prizes of
roast pork, banners, fire-crackers
etc. More recently, races on
more practical lines were
staged at North Point where
they used to attract large crowds.

Canton usually has a big cele-
bration. The races on the River
have been disfavoured as the
authorities found difficulty in
curbing the attendant disorderly
outbreaks.

The dragon oarsman's sense of
sport is that his crew must win
at all costs—even if he has to
open fire at a rival crew that
dares to lead by a length or two.

Local Observances.

The dragon boat is a long affair
(with a dragon's head and tail)
just wide enough for two men to
sit abreast. Each man carries a
paddle and in the Hong Kong
boats there are about 25 pairs in
each craft. At Canton the boats
are generally longer, having room
for about 50 pairs of paddlers.
Each craft includes in its com-
plement a drummer and a man to
beat the gong, these combining
between them the duties of stroke
and cox. Banners won in pre-
vious years will also be put in the
boat to urge the crew on to great-
er feats.

Impromptu races are likely to
be held at Aberdeen this year.

Although the strike was on last
year, the menfolk still had their
gorgeous banquets at West Point,
and in spite of bad times celebra-
tions will be held this year.

The origin of the festival is
obscure. The festival is strictly
observed as one of the four settle-
ing days in South China business
circles. In their homes the
women participate in various
rituals, mostly religious.

Began in Myth.

Money is plentiful in local
Chinese trade circles this year so
that no difficulty whatever is
anticipated in connection with
the first settlement of the year.

Business has been generally re-
stricted so that the turnover will
be smaller than in boom times.
Rates of interest are not very
high as there is no great demand
for money. Taken altogether,
Hong Kong should have a pleas-
ant Dragon Boat Festival.

An 'old' custom attached to the
festival is the practice of making
packets of prepared rice, this
being traced to some event in
Chinese mythology when a certain
conscientious but disappointed
statesman is said to have drowned
himself in a river over grief at his
sire's refusal of well-meant
advice.

STORM'S FURY.

AWE-INSPIRING HOLLAND WHIRLWIND.

Amsterdam, June 3.

Described by eye-witnesses as an
awe-inspiring triangular smoke
column with apex towards the
earth, a brief but violent whirl-
wind has occurred at Gelderland
almost as destructive as the Bor-
culo disaster of August, 1925.

The terrified inhabitants, how-
ever, evidently taught by their
previous experience, rushed to
cellars and open spaces and con-
sequently the death toll is re-
markably small though many
were injured.

The fury of the blast is in-
stanced by the fact that a ponder-
ous railway truck at Neede was
blown completely over and smash-
ed to bits. Sixty-eight farms
were destroyed in the Licht En-
gels district alone.—Reuter.
[Gelderland is between the
Zuyder Zee and Westphalia.]

"WHOM THE KING—"

(Continued from Page 1.)

O.B.E.

Mr. Alkyne Ogden, acting Brit-
ish Consul at Kiukiang.
Mr. William Percy Turner,
Acting British Consul at Peking.

Hong Kong will be pleased to
hear of the signal honour for Mr.
Brenan, His Majesty's Consul-
General at Canton. Mr. Brennan
took a material part in the "peace
conference" to end the boycott—
being one of the delegation of the
British Government and of Hong
Kong—and he contributed in no
small measure in paving the way
towards resumption of trade.

Obviously the right man in the
right place, Mr. Brennan has shown
tact, ability and foresight in his
handling of a long series of dif-
ficult situations.

It will be recalled that when
announcing the text of the Han-
kow Agreement, Sir Austen
Chamberlain stated that the Gov-
ernment had cabled their congratu-
lations to Mr. O'Malley and Mr.
Teichman for the part they had
taken in the negotiations.

Mr. Alkyne Ogden and Mr.
W. P. Turner are other notable
Consular officials in the service of
the Foreign Office, the former at
Kiukiang—where the Concession
was rushed by Chinese mobs—and
the latter at Peking which, al-
though out of the actual war
zone, has had its difficulties.

MALAYA'S SHARE.

C.M.G.

Mr. Henry Thomson, British
Resident of Perak.
K.C.B.

Mr. Hayes Marriott, Colonial
Secretary of the Straits Settle-
ments.

C.B.E.

Mr. Song Oug Slang, member of
the Legislative Council, Straits
Settlements.

O.B.E.

Mrs. Charlotte Ferguson Davie
in recognition of services in the
Straits Settlements.

I.S.O.

Mr. Charles Perkins, Assistant
Surveyor General, Straits Settle-
ments and Federated Malay
States.

RUINOUS MISCHIEF.

COMMUNISM IN THE FAR EAST.

DENOUNCED BY LABOUR.

Geneva, June 2.
At a plenary sitting of the Inter-
national Labour Conference, Mr.
Birla (India) complained that India
was suffering on account of the
great competition of Japanese
weaving mills. He expressed the
opinion that the Japanese Govern-
ment ought to ratify the hours con-
vention at the earliest moment.
Mr. Kasama (Japan) denied Mr.
Birla's statements. He did not sug-
gest that conditions in Japan were
perfect but he considered they were
better than generally believed.

Mr. Susuki, a Japanese workers'
delegate, declared that Asia must
more greatly participate in labour
organisation and urged that the
office of a Labour correspondent be
created in China similar to those in
Japan and India.

Mr. Susuki appealed to the con-
ference as regards improving labour
conditions in the East. He alluded
to the "ruinous mischief" wrought
by Communism in the Far East.

COLONIAL ENTENTE.

TIES BETWEEN BRITAIN AND FRANCE.

NOTABLE PARIS FUNCTION.

Paris, June 2.
A Franco-British Colonial Ent-
ente was virtually officially in-
augurated at a dinner of the Union
Coloniale Francaise in honour of
Mr. L. M. S. Amery, Secretary for
Colonies, British Colonial Gov-
ernors, and the Commissioners of
Dominions resident in Paris.

The dinner was attended by Lord
Crewe, the British Ambassador,
M. Poincare, the Prime Minister,
the Minister of Colonies, and
French Colonial Governors.

Mr. Francois Marsal, an ex-
Premier, and "President" of the
Union, in a speech, urged that the
Entente Cordiale should be extend-
ed to all British and French terri-
tories so as more effectively to com-
bat the intrigues of their enemies.

Mr. Amery, replying in French,
welcomed the gathering of British
and French Colonial administrators
as a happy innovation demonstrat-
ing the British and French desire
to collaborate in the Great domain
of colonial development.

Mr. Amery emphasised the neces-
sity of a mutual study of each
other's methods.—Reuter.

SACCO-VANZETTI CASE.

Boston, June 2.
Governor Fuller has appointed
Professor Lowell, Professor Strat-
ton, president of the Massachu-
setts Institute of Technology, and
other prominent citizens to act as
a board of review in the cases of
Sacco and Vanzetti. The Gov-
ernor will in the meanwhile con-
tinue his own investigation.
Reuter's American Service.

MR. HO KOM TONG.**O.B.E. In The Birthday Honours.****HIS PUBLIC SERVICES.**

Mr. Ho Kom-tong, who receives the O.B.E. in the King's Birthday honours list, is a younger brother of Sir Robert Ho Tung and of the late Mr. Ho Fook.

As one of the Colony's leading Chinese business men and as a member of a distinguished family, he highly deserves the honour, if only in recognition of a public career that began 35 years ago.

Mr. Ho Kom-tong personally supervised the decoration of the Ko Shing theatre in 1892 on the occasion of a banquet in honour of T.R.H. the Duke and Duchess of Connaught when they visited Hong Kong.



Mr. Ho Kom-tong, O.B.E.

Jointly with two others, Mr. Ho collected subscriptions amounting to over \$120,000 for building the Tung Wah Hospital annexe and mortuary. This work (in 1898) took him five months and necessitated his personally visiting more than two-thirds of the Chinese business houses in Hong Kong.

For War Refugees.

He was also instrumental in securing a sum of \$3,000 for the London School of Tropical Medicine in 1898.

During the Boxer trouble in North China, Mr. Ho Kom-tong went specially to Peking and brought away over 2,000 refugees in steamers chartered for the purpose. For this work, he raised a subscription of \$15,000. This was in the year 1900.

In 1901 Mr. Ho assisted in raising over \$80,000 for forming the Chinese Commercial Union. Jointly with the late Sir Boshan Wei Yuk in 1901, Mr. Ho collected subscriptions amounting to about \$45,000 in aid of the widows and orphans of soldiers who died in the South African War.

Coronation Processions.

In 1902, Mr. Ho Kom-tong assisted in raising money for the Victoria Memorial Fund; in organising and supervising Chinese day and night processions in 1902 on the occasion of the Coronation of H.M. King Edward VII; and in 1903 in collecting subscriptions amounting to about \$30,000 in aid of the families of Japanese soldiers who fell in the Russo-Japanese War.

Mr. Ho served on the Sub-Committee of the Tung Wah Hospital for relieving and assisting sufferers in the disastrous typhoon of September, 1906, for which he received thanks from the Secretary for work which took six months.

Local Public Dispensaries.

He was one of the three promoters (the other two being Mr. Fung Wa-chun and the late Hon. Mr. Lau Chu-pak) of the Chinese Public Dispensary in 1906, and assisted in raising about \$100,000 for their maintenance.

Since 1906, Mr. Ho has been serving first as Vice-Chairman and then as Chairman of the Central District Public Dispensary.

In 1907, Mr. Ho donated \$5,000 for building a Public Dispensary at Kau U Fong. He served on the Special Committee and Sub-Committee for supervising the removal of old graves from Mount Davis to a site chosen by the Government on his recommendation.

He personally supervised the decoration of Ko Shing Theatre on the occasion of the second visit of T.R.H. the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, accompanied by Princess Patricia.

Helping Colony's Trade.

In the same year he organised and personally supervised large Chinese day and night processions with the object of stimulating the trade of the Colony, which had been passing through bad times, was elected Chairman of the Tung Wah Hospital, and he donated \$5,000 to the Small-pox Hospital.

Mr. Ho Kom-tong was appointed a member of the Po Leung Kuk Committee in 1908.

He assisted the Alice Memorial Hospital on three occasions in raising money amounting in all to about \$12,000 by means of Chinese procession, subscriptions, etc. (1907-12).

Mr. Ho took part in raising \$45,000 (of which he contributed \$5,000) for the Brewin Charity Fund, the interest of which goes to support the widows and orphans of poor Chinese. This was in 1908.

Coronation Festivities.

In 1909 he was appointed a member of the Permanent Committee of the Po Leung Kuk.

As one of the promoters of the Kwong Wah Hospital in Yau-mai in 1909, Mr. Ho assisted in raising \$150,000 (of which he gave \$3,000) for the hospital building, etc. In the same year he served as an unofficial member of the Sanitary Board.

Mr. Ho was appointed a member of the District Watchmen Committee in 1911 in which year he organised and personally supervised the Fish Lantern Procession on the occasion of the Coronation of H.M. King George V.

In 1914 Mr. Ho presented to the Government a building costing \$5,000 at Mongkoktsui for the housing of District Watchmen.

Contributions to War Funds.

During the Great War, Mr. Ho Kom-tong contributed in all over \$50,000 to the various war funds, principally the War Charity Fund, the Prince of Wales' Fund, Lord Kitchener Memorial Fund, the Tobacco Fund, the Hong Kong Aeroplane Fund, and the funds raised on St. George's Day, Heather Day and "Our Day". He also actively assisted in raising over \$100,000 in aid of war charities, by means of Chinese theatrical performances, etc.

In recent years Mr. Ho has given in all about \$40,000, and assisted in collecting about \$500,000, in aid of the distressed people from the disastrous floods in Canton, Tientsin, and Hankow. For these services, he received the Third Class Order of the Chia Ho from the President of China in 1916, and the Second Class in 1918.

Friend of Police.

Mr. Ho gave \$1,000 to the families of two policemen who were killed by a tiger at Fanning in 1915.

In 1918 he personally collected \$12,000 (of which he headed the list with \$1,000) in aid of the widows and children of five policemen who were murdered by robbers in Gresson Street, Wanchai. He also gave \$1,000 to the Tung Wah Hospital for burying the remains of persons who lost their lives at the Race Course disaster, and personally assisted in getting coolies to carry the remains to the cemetery. In order to pacify the minds of the relatives of the dead, he organised and bore all the expenses (amounting to \$4,000) for religious ceremonies to the dead.

For the Colonial Office.

In 1919 Mr. Ho organised and personally supervised the Fish Lantern Procession on the occasion of the Peace Celebration. Mr. Ho Kom-tong was a member of the Committee to welcome the Prince of Wales on his visit to the Colony in 1922 and organised the Fish Lantern Procession on that occasion.

When in London in 1924, he supplied an important memorandum to the permanent officials of the Colonial Office for the Geneva Opium Conference. Mr. Ho Kom-tong is a strong supporter of the annual Flower Shows, in order to encourage the cultivation of flowers and vegetables in Hong Kong.

Generous Red Cross Patron. Mr. Ho has been the most generous supporter of the ambulance movement in the Colony. During the War he assisted in supporting financially the Victoria Division, and entirely supported the Saiyungpun Division of the Ambulance Brigade—the latter alone at a total cost of about \$7,000 from 1914 to the end of the war.

This Division did very useful work, and was in 1918 adjudged to be the best Division and accordingly awarded the trophy for the year.

Invested by the King. In recognition of his services, Mr. Ho was awarded by His Majesty the "Bronze Donat" badge of the Order of St. John in 1919.

He continued to support the work of the Order and endowed a bed in the Hospital of the Order in Jerusalem.

In 1924 he was invested by His Majesty at Buckingham Palace with the "Silver Donat" badge of the Order, and in 1925, in recognition of his continued support was made an "Honorary Knight of Grace" of the Order of St. John.

At the beginning of the 1925 Strike, Mr. Ho entirely re-equipped three Divisions of the Ambulance Brigade.

Chinese Medical Expert.

As an expert in Chinese medicine, Mr. Ho treated and supplied with medicine and medical comforts a large number of Chinese of the poorer classes, free of charge. For four years from 1905 he made free distributions of carbolic acid to the plague-stricken poor, at a cost of over \$15,000. Since 1904, Mr. Ho has been giving free coffins and free burials to the poor, in order to check the then alarming practice of dumping dead bodies in the streets. This has cost to date about \$10,000.

Mr. Ho Kom-tong is also one of the organisers of the Boy Scout movement in Hong Kong. He raised and has entirely supported the Saiyungpun School Troop, supplying uniforms and all equipment and requirements, and meeting expenses annually since 1919.

School Funds.

Principally with the late Hon. Mr. Lau Chu-pak, Mr. Ho assisted in raising over \$120,000 for the Ellis Kadoorie School fund in 1903. He also made donations amounting to about \$6,000 to various Chinese vernacular schools from 1905-1912. In 1911 he donated \$10,000 to the Confucius Hall attached to Ellis Kadoorie School. Mr. Ho has borne half the cost of maintaining a Chinese vernacular school in Bridges Street since 1917.

Scholarships.

Mr. Ho Kom-tong has given the following sums for annual scholarships:—

Ellis Kadoorie School, Canton (one) \$1,000.
Ellis Kadoorie School, Hong Kong (two) \$2,000.
Diocesan Boys' School (one) \$1,200.

King's College (three) \$3,000.
Queen's College (two) \$2,000.
St. Stephen's Girls' College (two) \$2,000.

He defrayed half the cost of building the Helena May Institute for Women in 1916, his share being \$25,000.

In 1918 Mr. Ho donated \$50,000 to the University of Hong Kong for building a School of Tropical Medicine.

"SHOW" FOR THE FORCES.

The Hong Kong Corps of the St. John Ambulance Brigade is arranging a special theatrical performance to be given by the "Yan Shau Lin" troupe at the Lee Theatre (East Point) on Thursday, June 8, at 9.15 p.m.

The object is to entertain the principal military and naval officers now in the Colony (about 200 seats will be available), a number of the leading European and Chinese residents, and 500 non-commissioned officers and men (selected by the officers concerned) from the Forces now in the Colony.

If E. the Governor and Lady Clementi will be present.

LOCAL SHARES.**MOXON AND TAYLOR'S REPORT.****THE WEEK'S REVIEW.**

Messrs. Moxon and Taylor's in their weekly share report:—
Hong Kong, June 2.

There was a lull in our market during the past week and in some cases prices eased off a little; this was due to buyers not being very keen to operate in big lots. Investment stocks, however, remained firm and have had a fair demand. With three Official holidays approaching this situation is likely to remain unchanged for the present.

Shanghai market is steady. The following are the principal alterations since last week:—
Banks.—The last business done was at \$1.07 1/2, which is the nominal rate to-day.

Unions.—Continue to meet with a steady demand, shares having changed hands at \$278.

Steamboats.—Still have buyers at \$22 1/2, without attracting sellers.

Star Ferries.—Have eased off somewhat and shares might be obtained at \$63 1/2.

Waterboats.—Are wanted at \$14 1/2, but more would have to be paid to obtain shares.

Hong Kong Lands.—After business done at \$58 1/4, still have buyers at the latter price.

Hong Kong Tramways.—Are steady, a few shares came to market at \$20.85, but it is doubtful if they could now be bought under \$21.

Cements.—Are meeting with more enquiry and \$7 is offered for the combined shares with sellers asking for \$7.20.

China Lights.—Continue on the upward grade and are firm with buyers at \$14.20 for the combined shares.

China Providents.—Have buyers at \$4.55.

Irish Farms.—Are meeting with a steady demand at \$15 1/4, but sellers are holding for higher prices.

Electricity.—Are quieter with sellers asking \$54 1/2, at which price a few shares were dealt in.

Wharves.—Suffered a slight set back and sales took place at \$103 1/2, close firmer with buyers at \$104 1/2.

London Quotations of the 1st inst.—Banks \$117; Index Deferred \$5.5; Shells \$417.6. All middle prices.

Exchange.—The demand rate on London is 2 1/16 and T.T. on Shanghai is 7 1/2.

Next Settlement Day is Tuesday, June 28, 1927.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

A first and final dividend is intended to be declared in the matter of John Melville Anderson, deceased. An order for administration in bankruptcy of the said estate was made on May 7, 1927. Creditors who have not proved their debts by July 2 will be excluded.

POISON IN FOOD.**WOMAN'S DEATH AFTER MEAL.****OTHER'S NARROW ESCAPES.**

Yesterday we reported the removal of two Chinese men and a woman to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from symptoms of poisoning following their evening meal at their flat on the first floor of No. 25 Bonham Strand East on Wednesday night. The woman died at the hospital at 10 a.m. yesterday, while the cook and a male servant were sufficiently recovered to be discharged from hospital yesterday afternoon.

Originally four people, including the deceased woman's husband sat down to the meal. The principal dish was chicken, pork and waterily root soup which were all prepared in one boiler.

The woman's husband who was unwell took only a couple of spoons of the soup and then left the table. The other three continued their meal. While drinking the soup the servant complained of a pain in the throat, but the other two did not feel anything unusual. After the meal the cook drank up the remainder of the soup and then proceeded to clean up the table. Suddenly he complained of feeling faint and collapsed. The servant who was sitting out in the verandah also said he was feeling giddy, and a few seconds later the mistress began to walk as if drunk. Soon all three were unconscious.

The alarmed husband summoned a doctor who immediately ordered the people's removal to the hospital. The ambulance was telephoned for and they were all removed to the Government Civil Hospital. Here the two men responded to medical treatment and were well enough to be discharged the following afternoon. The woman who gave cause for anxiety from the first, sank rapidly and death came at 10 a.m. yesterday as stated.

A post mortem is being held on the woman.

TO-MORROW'S HOLIDAY.

It is formally notified in the "Government Gazette" that His Excellency the Governor in Council has appointed to-morrow to be observed as a general holiday. It is further notified that His Excellency the Governor in Council has been pleased to exclude the Police Magistrates' Departments from the operation of the Holidays Ordinance, 1912, to-morrow.

HOSPITAL COMFORTS.

The Committee beg to acknowledge with very many thanks receipt of the following gifts for the Hospitals:—

Ping Pong set from Mrs. Stark. Thermos flask, card table and rattan furniture from Mrs. A. S. D. Couland.

Parcels of books from Mrs. Pryde and Mr. G. R. Edwards.

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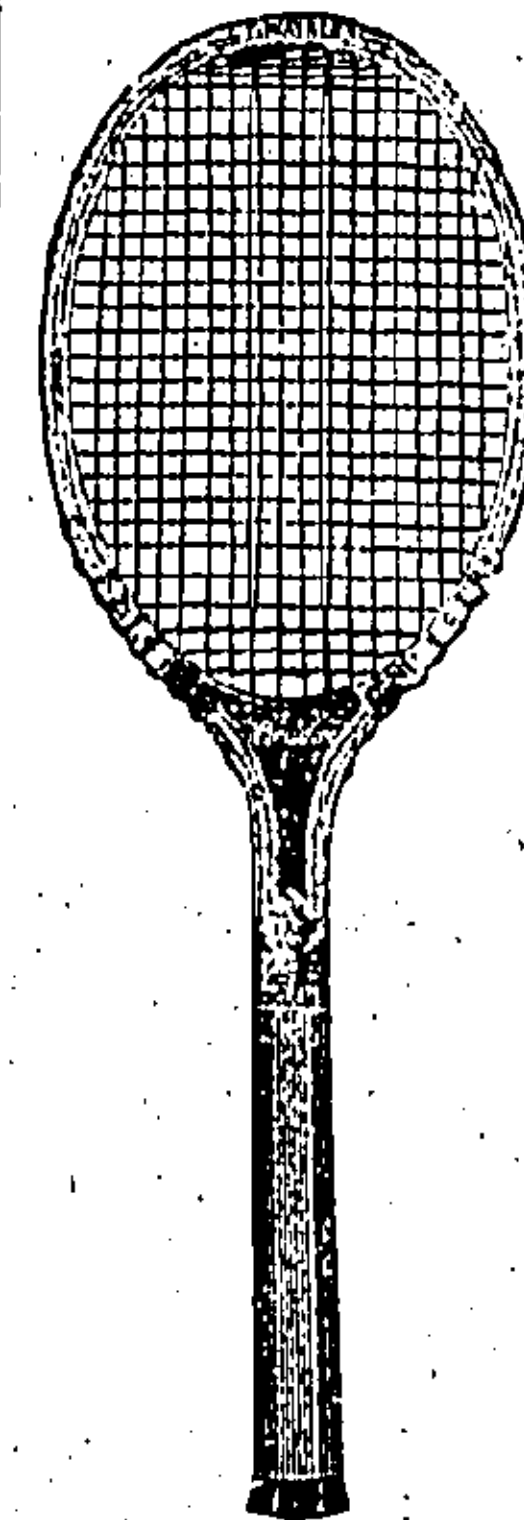
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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

In the "Government Gazette" is published a list of places of public worship licensed for the celebration of marriages.

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It is notified that, at the expiration of three months from date, the Radio Communication Company (Orient), Limited will, unless cause is shown to the contrary, be struck off the register and the company will be dissolved.

Amended regulations under the Vehicles and Traffic Regulations Ordinance are published in the "Government Gazette," of which they occupy three pages and a half. It is noted that conductors of buses when on duty have to be dressed in uniforms approved by the Captain Superintendent of Police. No persons shall solicit passengers to travel in a public vehicle.

An amazing indication of the rise in rents in the City of London has been brought to my notice, says the London correspondent of a Liverpool paper. A friend of mine who has carried on a flourishing bookelling and newspaper business in the heart of the shipping quarter of the City has just terminated his lease. His rent was £200 a year. When he went to renew it, the landlord said, "The rent will now be £600 a year!" My friend has retired to the country to grow watercress, and his premises will no doubt shortly be taken over by some wealthy foreign bank.

The South China Athletic Association is holding a launch picnic to-morrow at Aberdeen for the Dragon Boat Race. The party leaves Pottinger Street wharf at 1.30 p.m.

At least one girl has profited by the publicity given to Britain's 2,000,000 surplus women. She has only just turned 18, and has become engaged. "I asked her," said her mother, "whether she did not think that at 18 thoughts of marriage were a little premature." "Well, mother," she said, "I see there are already 2,000,000 surplus women, so I thought I'd better get fixed up."

Kemal Pasha, President of the Turkish Republic, has had a wonderful railway car built for him at Cassel. It is now on its way to Angora via Belgrade. The car contains a luxurious dining room, smoking-room, bedroom, with restful hangings, bath-room, and offices. There is also a little open-air terrace, and, to keep it cool in summer, a double roof. Wireless has also been fitted up.

Three thousand Roman Catholics, men, women and children, knelt to pray in the wet road outside the Tyburn Convent, Hyde Park-place W. on April 24, after a pilgrimage in the rain along "the way of the Martyrs," from Newgate to Tyburn. Organised by the Guild of Our Lady Ransom, the object of the pilgrimage was to honour the 102 martyrs who were dragged on hurdles from Newgate Prison to hang on Tyburn gallows, the site of which is near the Marble Arch, because they denied the right of the Kings and Queens of England to be head of the Church.

Under the Post Office regulations price of Imperial reply coupons valid for use within the British Empire is 10 cents each.

The air mail fees applicable to letters from Hong Kong for transmission by the United States Air Mail Service, regardless of distance or route, will be 36 cents for each ounce or fraction thereof. This fee is in addition to the regular postage.

The Milan correspondent of the "Morning Post" says that Signor Bugatti, the motor manufacturer has submitted to Signor Mussolini two inventions — the first an eight-cylinder automobile engine capable of driving a heavy touring car 100 miles an hour, and the second a semi-submerged boat 100 feet long with eight motors of 2,000 horsepower, capable of a surface speed of 80 miles an hour.

London papers understand that the coffin of King Edward and Queen Alexandra, which since Queen Alexandra's death have lain side by side in the adjoining Albert Memorial Chapel, Windsor Castle, have been privately removed to St. George's Chapel and placed in the tomb designed by Sir Bertram Mackennal, R.A. This tomb stands near the altar and is draped. The recumbent figure in marble of the dead King is on the tomb, but that of Queen Alexandra has not yet been placed in position.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed the following to be Public Vaccinators, Mr. Mui Cheung-yin and Mr. Wong Toku, with effect from June 1, 1927.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed, provisionally and subject to His Majesty's pleasure, Mr. William Edward Leonard Shenton to be a member of the Executive and Legislative Councils, during the absence from the Colony of the Hon. Sir Henry Edward Pollock, K.C., with effect from June 1.

The departure of Miss Middleton-Smith constitutes a real loss to the Colony, states the Diocesan "Outpost Supplement," not only to the educational work to which she has particularly devoted herself, but also in the many branches of social service in which she has been actively engaged. As a member of the Cathedral Council of St. Peter's Church Council and of the V. D. A. Committee, she has always been a keen supporter of all church and diocesan movements. Her valuable help and advice, and her inspiring personality will be much missed, and we wish her a prosperous voyage and a speedy renewal of health and strength.

A Reuter cable from London announces the death of Professor John B. Bury, M.A., Hon. Litt. D., Regius Professor of Modern History at Cambridge University since 1902. Professor Bury was a Fellow of British Academy, corresponding member of the Imperial Academy of Sciences of Petrograd, the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, the Roumanian Academy, the Massachusetts Historical Society, Fellow of Trinity College, Dublin, and Professor of Modern History in Dublin University. He was born on October 1861 and was the author of many historical scientific works.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed Mr. Geoffrey Robley Sayer to be Superintendent of Imports and Exports, with effect from May 28.

Mr. A. F. Hill, a prominent Cardiff solicitor, who died in mail week, was a famous Welsh Rugby International forward nearly forty years ago, and was considered the finest forward who ever played for the Cardiff Club. He was also a skilful boxer.

His Honour Mr. John Roskruge Wood, Chief Justice, has appointed Mr. John Sutherland MacLaren, Assistant Treasurer, to be a Commissioner to administer oaths and take declarations, affirmations and attestations of honour in the Court, so long as he shall hold the office of Assistant Treasurer.

The following deaths were announced at Home in mail week:— Rev. Charles Brookes, for 20 years vicar of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Northampton, at Nottingham; Mr. James East, clerk to the Tottenham (Bedfordshire) Parish Council, collapsed and died at Luton, aged 80; Mr. Linneus Jones, formerly a master at Cheltenham and at Rugby and a noted botanist and collector, aged 83; and Mr. Levi Sagorfski, who claimed to be the oldest Jew in England, died in the Leeds Home for Aged Jews, aged 102.

Our readers will no doubt be glad to hear that word has been received from the Bishop saying that he and Mrs. Duppy arrived safely in England on April 11 after an excellent passage, states the Diocesan "Outpost Supplement." He says that China has been much in his thoughts and continues, "I believe if we will wait patiently the Christian Church will have a wonderful opportunity again in China soon, and we need to be ready when the chance comes. May God fit us for the work to which He has called us."

His Excellency the Governor has appointed Mr. James John Hirst, Assistant Supervisor in the Botanical and Forestry Department to be Forest Officer, with effect from June 1.

Colonel L. H. R. Pope-Hennessy, D.S.O., has been appointed Military Attaché, Washington, in succession to Colonel C. E. C. G. Charlton, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O. Eldest son of the late Sir John Pope-Hennessy, M.P., of Rostellan Castle, co. Cork, Colonel Pope-Hennessy was born in 1875, and served with the West African Frontier Force in 1898-99. He was attached to the King's African Rifles for the next nine years, and saw active service in various parts of Africa. He served in the European War in France and Mesopotamia. For four years afterwards he was Assistant Adjutant-General at the War Office, and he went to Berlin in 1924 to act as Quartermaster-General of the Military Inter-Allied Commission of Control.

The death occurred recently in Paris of Prof. Paul Alfred Daniel Berthelot, who was sixty-two years of age. He was, says "Engineering," one of the four sons, two well-known as politicians, of Marcellin Berthelot, who made his name by researches on fats (glycerin), explosives, thermo-chemistry and photo chemistry, and who is sometimes confounded with Comte de Berthelot, one of the great chemists of the French Revolution, who died in 1822, five years before Marcellin Berthelot was born; the two worked in similar fields. Daniel Berthelot followed his father in the line of his studies, and he claimed that the law of photo-chemical equivalence and the quantum theory, usually connected with the name of Einstein, had been recognised by his father in 1875, in his general considerations of the atomic theory. The son, who was professor at the Ecole Supérieure de Pharmacie, expanded these views.

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K.C.C. SECURDS SURPRISE.

Notes On To-morrow's Games.

(By "Short Head.")

Little in the way of comment is called for on last Saturday's League fixtures. Two heavy showers right in the middle of the games resulted in sodden greens, even the jack eddying along in the miniature "currents" until a strong sun came out and did a surprisingly large amount of drying work. Those rinks, however, that defied the rain until they were drenched through naturally gave some weird displays, which could not have been good for the greens, let alone the players, and this affected the ultimate results not a little.

As anticipated a week ago the margin separating the Craignower Cricket Club and the Kowloon Bowling Green Club was scarcely as large as a year ago, and it would have been much smaller but for Basa's "big four" scoring as many as twelve shots in the first three heads against Farrell's rink, which had the "bad joss" for the second League game in succession to be pitted against the strongest four of the opposition. Rumjahn's rink fared almost as bad against Macfarlane's quartette, but there was a good ding-dong struggle between the rinks skipped by Omar and Russell. The K.C.C. on the whole, were the better balanced team and deserved their win.

A Local "Derby."

The Kowloon Docks Recreation Club retain their place at the head of the table by a meritorious win over the Kowloon Cricket Club on the latter's green. Evidently the "chopping and changing" of the home players was not for the best—a moral for other Clubs when in a quandary after a defeat or two! Cullen got home on Tacchi by seven shots; Gibson could only tie with Brown, and Overy lost to Lapsley by eight shots, the net result being victory for the Docks by 15 shots. The Docks and Craignower are level with six points each, the latter having played one game more, so that a slip by the Docks should have an interesting effect on the League table.

The Civil Service Cricket Club entertained the Taiiko Recreation Club and, but for a poor display by Pendered's rink—or rather superior play by Wallace's rink—they would have emerged successful. As it was they lost by only eight shots, and have still to win a game in the League. They were up on two rinks last Saturday, but the margin was not sufficient to counter-balance the loss on the third.

L. E. Lammert's quartette was responsible for the Kowloon Cricket Club's second string pulling off a fine win in the Second Division at Taiiko by ten shots. Matthews was opposed to Lammert and went down by 13 shots. Davidson just gained the verdict against Dinnen by one shot, and Herridge lost to McKechnie by four shots. This win keeps the K.C.C. at the head of the table—and undefeated.

Lost—a "Punch."

The Club de Recreo seem to have lost their "punch" and lost on the second Saturday in succession on their own ground at King's Park, their victors on this occasion being the Civil Service Cricket Club. Taylor had the biggest "kill" for the visitors, winning over L. C. Souza by 22 shots to nine. A. Ribeiro lost to Alderman by nine shots, and J. Ribeiro had hard luck in being three shots to the bad against Massey. The Club de Recreo will have to go all the way to avoid being left in an unenviable position on the League table. They are capable of better things than a brace of points out of four games!

The Craignower Cricket Club, playing at home, had the biggest victory of the afternoon in both Divisions, triumphing over the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club by no fewer than 38 shots. Knott's rink had the biggest win in this, having a margin of 23 shots against Edwards's quartette—a surprising result, to say the least. Mitchell got the better of Davies by seven shots, and Spinks just gone home against Shields by three shots.

Playing on their own ground the Kowloon Bowling Green Club executed a smart performance in defeating the more fancied East Point Recreation Club by 21 shots. All the damage was done by Maclellan's rink which "downed" Whiteford's four by 22 shots. Dixon lost to McTavish by a solitary shot, and Warren did well indeed to run Lee to a tie.

To-morrow's Prospects.

A full list of matches is down for decision to-morrow. The principal game will be that between the Craignower Cricket Club and the Kowloon Docks Recreation Club at Happy Valley. The outcome will greatly hinge on which of the visiting skips is fated to meet Basa. Were it a mere "soccer" match and not lawn bowls I would predict a draw! The Docks think that they can repeat last year's feat when they won by only one shot—and that, it may be recalled, through the last wood of the day on Bradbury's rink.

The Taiiko Recreation Club are at home to the Police and ought to do as well as they did a year ago when they triumphed over the guardians of the peace by 29 shots. In any case they have only to play as well as they did at the Valley a week ago to ensure victory—the Police, of course, permitting!

Another "local Derby" will be fought out at Kowloon, where the Bowling Green Club receive their near and dear neighbours—the Kowloon Cricket Club. The latter have a series of three defeats in friendly encounters at Easter to avenge, and some spirited play should be witnessed. The Bowling Green are doing some "chopping and changing," including the bringing up of Maclellan from the Second Division and placing the other players in a different order. The K.C.C. also indulge in a few more alterations in the placing of the skips and "crews."

Second Division Outlook.

In the Second Division the Civil Service Cricket Club play at home, their guests being the Taiiko Recreation Club. This fixture a year ago was played on the Craignower C.C. green, Taiiko winning by the narrow margin of four shots. On recent form—and particularly last Saturday's results—the Civil Service should win. Their supporters look to them to retrieve the First Division team's defeat a week ago!

The Kowloon Cricket Club are at home to the Club de Recreo, and, unless the latter spring a surprise packet, they ought to secure their fifth successive win. This would bring the championship of this Division within their grasp. It is often the unexpected that happens, however, so far as the Portuguese are concerned, and it may be that to-morrow will be their day out! They have last year's defeat by 32 shots to avenge.

The East Point Recreation Club receive the Yacht Club. As both Clubs went down rather badly last Saturday each will be all the eager to finish on the right side to-morrow. If the East Pointers repeat last season's performance in winning by 10 shots they will be satisfied.

The remaining match is between the Kowloon Bowling Green Club and the Craignower Cricket Club on the Kowloon green. Both teams are in rare fettle at present and both finished well up last Saturday. This adds interest to to-morrow's meeting, the result of which looks fairly open, although the ground advantage may just prove to be the deciding factor.

FIXTURES FOR TO-MORROW.

First Division.
Taiiko R.C. v. Police R.C.
Craignower C.C. v. Kowloon Docks R.C.
Kowloon B.G.C. v. Kowloon C.C.
Second Division.
Civil Service C.C. v. Taiiko R.C.
Kowloon C.C. v. Club de Recreo.
East Point R.C. v. Royal H.K.Y.C.
Kowloon B.G.C. v. C.C.C.

TO-MORROW'S TEAMS.

First Division.
Craignower Cricket Club.—E. Arculli, C. S. Rosset, C. M. S. Alves, and D. Rumjahn (skip).
F. J. Neves, D. Fritz, W. T. Brightman, and U. M. Omar (skip).
W. R. Muskett, M. A. R. Souza, C. Bennett, and B. Basa (skip).
Kowloon Cricket Club.—F. Hamblin, A. W. Smith, F. Goodwin, and J. Gibson (skip).
R. Abraham, E. Kern, W. Hill, and

COUNTY CRICKET.

TWO MATCHES FINISHED IN 2 DAYS.

YORKSHIRE WIN AGAIN.

London, June 2.
Two county championship cricket matches have been completed in two days, as follows:—

Yorks v. Northants.
At Huddersfield, Yorkshire defeated Northamptonshire by seven wickets. Scores:—

Northants (1st innings) 89 runs. Robinson 8 wickets for 32 runs. Yorks (1st) 315 runs. Sutcliffe 79, Oldroyd 110.
Northants (2nd innings) 286 runs. Woolley (C.N.) 65, V.V.C. Jupp 105.
Yorks (2nd) 62 runs for 8 wickets.

Glamorgan v. Leicester.
At Cardiff, Glamorgan lost to Leicestershire by an innings and 7 runs. Scores:—

Glamorgan (1st) 128 runs. Arnott 54; Shipman 4 wickets for 19 runs. Geary (G.) 4 for 44.
Leicester (1st) 332 runs. Astill 164 not out.
Glamorgan (2nd) 197 runs. Arnott 51; Skelding 5 for 67.

WORLD TITLE.

MILLIGAN OBJECTS TO REFEREE.

BOUT FIXED DEFINITELY.

London, June 2.

Mr. C. B. Cochran and Jack Kouras (Mickey Walker's manager) have agreed to the fight between Walker (holder) and Tom Milligan (Britain) on June 30—over 20 rounds—for the world's middleweight boxing championship at Olympia, London.

It is understood that Milligan objects to Mr. Cochran's proposal that George Carpentier (the former French heavyweight "idol") should be referee.—Reuter.

BASEBALL VISIT.

TWO MATCHES FIXED FOR WEEK-END.

An advertisement appears on page 12 with regard to the visit of the All-Filipino baseball team. Local fixtures are:—

v. All-Hong Kong on Sunday, v. U.S.S. "Helen" on Monday.
Mr. Richard Shim, of the Selection Committee of the Hong Kong Baseball Association, is desirous of seeing those suggested for the All-Hong Kong team, at practice at Happy Valley to-morrow at 3 p.m. The tentative Hong Kong team includes Cockey, S. L. Lee, Zafra, Leonard, Burrell, Saido, S. Hachiuma, Alves, Cruz, Kusano, McArdle, Shim, and Y. Hachiuma.

VARSITY TENNIS TEAMS

The following tennis teams have been selected to represent the University:—

League, "A" division, on Saturday (home) v. H.K.C.C.—T. W. Chong (captain), Prof. F. A. Redmond, Prof. R. E. Tottenham, P. C. Lim, H. C. Hung, and B. H. Wong.
League, "B" division, on Saturday (away) v. Club de Recreo.
B. P. Ng (captain), T. K. Tan, G. de Souza, W. M. Gittins, T. L. Lu and Dr. D. K. Samy.
Friendly, on Sunday (home) v. St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club, at 3.30 p.m.—P. C. Lim (captain), H. C. Hung, B. P. Ng, T. K. Tan, G. de Souza, T. L. Lu.

A. G. Pile (skip); J. Hyde, W. W. Hirst, C. J. Tacchi, and H. Overy (skip).

Kowloon Bowling Green Club.—D. Hazel, J. Maclellan, D. Harvey, and W. Russell (skip); W. Hedley, J. Magill, D. Muir, and W. Macfarlane (skip); A. Chapman, R. Duncan, P. T. Farrell, and A. M. Holland (skip).

Second Division.
Craignower Cricket Club.—R. F. Luz, Y. Abbas, H. Beer, and F. T. Knott (skip); A. Coates, F. H. Williams, G. H. Sellwood, and A. Kitchell (skip); W. E. Nicholson; F. K. Modi, A. A. Razack, and L. A. Rose (skip).

Kowloon Bowling Green Club.—E. W. Hale, C. Hatt, G. B. Slipper, and D. F. Warren (skip); T. Ferguson, W. Cuff, R. Hunter, and R. Dixon (skip); J. Matthews, H. Stonham, G. Budding, and Jas. T. Dobbie (skip).
Kowloon Cricket Club.—W. J. Edwards, J. C. Loyal, J. Smith, and L. E. Lammert (skip); H. Gittins, C. G. Harrison, J. P. Robinson, and F. G. Herridge (skip); J. Hancock, F. E. Lawrence, W. F. McGavin, and A. W. E. Davidson (skip).

PONIES' FORM.

TIPS FOR TO-MORROW'S RACES.

PRELIMINARY REVIEW.

Illy "Patrol."

Coming at just the right time of the month, to-morrow's races at Happy Valley should prove exceedingly popular with the crowd.

The Jockey Club's 4th extra meeting extends over two days, Monday being the second day. Each day, the first race is at 2.45 p.m. and there are eight events on the respective cards.

To all intents and purposes, the going should be about the same as it was at the last meeting four weeks ago. Then there were an appreciable number of upsets to form and I venture to predict that there will be more surprises than certainties to-morrow.

With the presence of some Macao ponies and judicious handicapping, fields ought to be big and the racing full of interest.

Interesting Position.

Causing most speculation is the Fourth Aggregate Stakes of a mile (the 4th race) in which a further victory for the Macao candidates will give them a commanding lead in the season's points. Present standings are:—

Macao Beauty 5
Baccarat 5
Brigade Call 4
Saligia 4
Misty Eve 2

On current form, the tussle should be between Macao Beauty and Brigade Call. Saligia was made favourite on May 7 in spite of a previous disappointment—and he failed again. This time, he may be ridden by Mr. Gordon who steered him to victory in the First Aggregate Stakes.

Opinion To-day.

In that event, Mr. Pollock will be on Brigade Call but the decision may rest on the state of the going. Mr. Chun will ride Macao Beauty and, probably, Mr. da Rosa will be on Baccarat.

I am deferring my final selections till to-morrow when the "China Mail" goes to press at mid-day. Meanwhile, I cannot say that I favour Saligia's prospects although he may be favourite again. Brigade Call is the tip at the moment but the opinion may be revised before to-morrow.

Misty Eve may also be started in the big race and there is another possible in Perseus (late Lilac) who comes with a fine record from Tientsin but appears to be short of work.

First Race.
A glance at the weights in the opening race (6 furlongs, "C" class) will show that most of the top-weights are likely to accept and on the form of May 7, Loch Ranach ought to win again. Valour and King Alan deserve to be placed but Bing Boy may not like the impost.

Second Race.
As Little Sit Tang won in Macao on Sunday, there will be another 5 lbs. for this pony in the "B" class, making 165 in all, against the 155 with which he won last time. This is the most difficult race to pick from. There is a chance of a Macao victory here with one of the Hong Kong subscription griffins providing the danger. Grande del Norte, I suspect to be a stinker.

Third Race.
I am leaving out of consideration Mr. Ho Kom-tong's two "new" ponies in the "A" class as I do not think they are fit yet. King of Troy appears to be "safe" but Total Abstinence should not be passed over. Battle Eve and one of the Macao ponies may run into a place here.

Sixth Race.
Festive Eve (ridden by Mr. Chun) will start a hot favourite in the 6th race (½ mile for non-winning subs.) and should win. Borderer, Yorks or District Call for a place?

Seventh Race.
If Grey Knight is ever going to win a race again, it is time he did so in the 7th race (1¼ miles, "B" class) where he carries weight for inches. Either Tangle or Loch Tummel will meet with support at the weights. San Diego won the corresponding race at the previous meeting but is carrying 10 lbs. more, or a 7 lb. penalty on weight for inches.

Eighth Race.
There may be another Macao capture in the last race (1¼ miles "A" class). Ukelele has won with 155 lbs. and is asked to run with 162 this time. He has considered 4 lbs. and more—and a beating to The Gomeril this season. "Will Total Abstinence run here or in the 6 furlongs? Attaboy has not recovered his best form yet and Misty Eve is put down with only 152 lbs. The chances are certainly open but I shall have made up my mind by to-morrow morning.

AMERICA AND CANADA.

Ottawa, June 2.
President Coolidge, in a letter of credence presented to the Governor General of Canada by Mr. Phillips said the United States Government desired to cultivate to the fullest extent American-Canadian friendship. Lord Willington, replying to Mr. Phillips said he trusted American-Canadian friendship would be strengthened.—Reuter's American Service.

MORALE BROKEN.

Talk of Giving Up Peking.

NORTH CHINA CRISIS DUE?

Events in North China have been heading towards an immediate crisis.

Although the Fengtien leaders show no signs of panic, the morale of their men is broken.

For reasons which can only be surmised—some say that international relations have a bearing on the matter—the Northerners have become reconciled to conceding all territory south of the Yellow River. This will leave them very little elbow room but there is even talk of retiring behind the Great Wall, through the famous pass at Shan-hai-kwan into Manchuria!

Distances from Peking.

It seems definite that Chengchow, that city in the north of Honan province which is on the junction of the Peking-Hankow and Lung-Hai Railways and is close to the Yellow River, is in the hands of the Hankow Army under General Tang Seng-chi. The Communist Army, therefore, is 400 miles from Peking as the crow flies.

General Chiang Kai-shek's central wing, operating in the north of Kiangsu province (near the coast) is expected to enter Heuchow at any moment, but it still seems that all previous claims of this strategic city's capture are premature. The Nanking Army is about 375 miles (direct distance) from Peking.

Grand Defence Line.

Fengtien is reported to be organising a grand defence line in the south of the metropolitan province of Chihli, extending backwards to Paoing, which is only 100 miles from Peking. There is a danger of some of their advance units being cut off before the retreat becomes an accomplished fact.

Despatches to hand indicate little change in the situation. Nearly all of the coast and treaty ports report no change. Developments at other centres are described as follows:—

MARCH ON HANKOW.

Gen. Yang Sen's Troops Still Advancing.

Ichang, June 2.

General Yang Sen's troops continue to move down river.—British Naval Wireless.

[The detachment, referred to are those near the Han River, a tributary of the Yangtze which runs down to Hankow. These came out of Szechuan province in the West to reinforce Yang Sen who is still trying to enter the Wu-Han area, the stronghold of the Communists.]

Hankow, June 2.
There is no change to report in the situation here.—British Naval Wireless.

Chiang Kai-shek Moves.

Chinkiang, June 2.

On Tuesday, General Chiang Kai-shek arrived here from Nanking, which is 50 miles further up the Yangtze. On Wednesday, he left for Sangchow (Yangchow) on the north bank of the Yangtze across from Chinkiang, or Changchow which is on the railway and 50 miles nearer Shanghai? Chiang Kai-shek is expected to return to Chinkiang (the base for operations of his right wing against Marshal Sun Chuan-fang's troops on the Grand Canal) either to-day or to-morrow.—British Naval Wireless.

Search Not Begun.

Wuhu, June 2.

It was reported yesterday that a local Chinese society wished to inaugurate a search on steamers arriving at this port (which is above Nanking, on the lower Yangtze) and that intended search on British craft would be resisted.

Although this society has not yet attempted to begin the search, passengers (bound for steamers) are being examined by the society's pickets on the Wuhu bank.

The port remains quiet.—British Naval Wireless.

EARLIER MESSAGES.

General Duncan Leaves For Tientsin.

Shanghai, June 2.

General Duncan accompanied by Viscount Gort leaves for Tientsin to-night probably aboard H.M.S. "Keppel".—Reuter.

More Reinforcements.

Peking, June 2.

Fifty French troops arrived last night from Tientsin to reinforce the garrison here. The second company of Yorks are coming from Tientsin this evening or to-morrow to reinforce the company now in Peking.—Reuter.

Move Explained.

London, June 2.

In the House of Commons, in reply to questions Sir Laming Worthington-Evans stated that additional troops were being despatched to Peking for the sole object of strengthening the garrison in the Legation Quarter.—Reuter.

MONEY COUNTS.

PECUNIARY STRATEGY IN CHINA.

HOW THE ARMIES FIGHT.

It is the custom, hallowed by centuries of tradition, for Chinese armies to avoid fighting one another whenever it is possible to come to a more equitable and bloodless arrangement for deciding the possession of an important military position.

The richer of the two commanders invariably induces his rival to retire gracefully on payment of a suitable sum in cash. Sometimes the troops are included in the deal, and sometimes they are not.

But the raising of armed forces by independent generals or governor of provinces, and then selling them to the highest bidder, is one of China's most flourishing industries. There is not the slightest doubt that General Chang Tsung-chang, having concentrated a force four times as strong as the Cantonese army for the defence of Nanking and Shanghai, was induced to abandon these positions, partly by payments and partly by threats.

How Betrayal Began.

The commander himself never once went near the front, and was never seen by his troops. He conducted the deal just as an Australian squatter, while on a visit to London, sells his wool crop in advance for a fixed sum, without the sheep, thousands of miles away, having the slightest idea that their fleeces have changed hands.

Chang Tsung-chang was also warned that unless he speedily cleared out of his own province, Shantung, steps would be taken to get rid of him. Thus was the great betrayal brought about (says the "Daily Telegraph").

Terrorising Gunmen.

But it is not on their regular troops that the Nationalist leaders rely to conquer great cities and whole provinces. It is their gunmen who prepare the way for the army and for the innumerable propagandists, who sometimes precede the troops and sometimes follow in their wake.

These "Black Coats," as they are styled, because they wear long black robes, which conceal their Colts and Mauser pistols, make their way into the towns in twos or threes. There they get in touch with the extremist leaders of the Labour unions, and recruit others to their ranks.

Propagandists Follow.

Then, at an appointed signal, they start shooting up the city, getting rid of the Chinese police, and cowering the civilian population into immediate submission to the Nationalist cause.

The regular troops then enter and take over control; bureaus and committees are formed, and the propagandists set to work to convert the waverers.

The gunmen, having been allowed to loot for several days, are no longer required, and are pushed on ahead, to repeat the same operation in the next strategical objective.

\$500,000 LAWYERS' FEES.

New York, June 2.

The payment of \$540,800 in fees to lawyers employed by the children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of the late Mr. Jay Gould in the litigation regarding his estate has been approved by the State Supreme Court which held that the fees were reasonable in view of the difficulties in connection with the case.

The value of Gould's estate was once estimated at \$100,000,000. The Court approved the settlement whereby \$16,000,000 is distributed among the six trust funds which Gould established for his six grandchildren.—Reuter's American Service.

NOTICES.

BASEBALL.

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WHEN I HIT THE SEA.

HOW MAJOR SEGRAVE STOPPED HIS CAR.

At a luncheon given in his honour at the Royal Automobile Club, Major H. O. D. Segrave, who beat the world's motoring speed record on Daytona Beach, Florida, last month, described his experiences on that occasion.

When he had finished, he said, he found that the brakes would not pull up the car. "I had been told," he said, "that the car, if braked, would pull up in two miles. At the end of four miles I was travelling at 100 miles an hour, and a quarter of a mile ahead there were banks running down to the river. I had to choose between the sea and the sand dunes, and I chose the sea.

"When I hit the sea—the water being at a depth of about three feet—the car seemed to cushion. Then it was turned completely and I drove back to the starting point. We examined the brakes afterwards, and there were none. The aluminium shoe had melted and run owing to the terrific heat."

CYCLONE IN EUROPE.

Amsterdam, June 2.
Nine villages were extensively damaged by a cyclone besides the villages of Neede, Groenlo and Delden which were devastated. It is estimated that 40 persons were killed and 150 injured. Queen Wilhelmina and Princess Juliana, who were broadcasting speeches to the Dutch East Indies from Eindhoven last night, proceeded immediately to the scene of the disaster.

Sydney, N.S.W., June 2.
Despite static interference the greater part of the addresses of Queen Wilhelmina and Princess Juliana at Eindhoven were picked up by a local listener who took a verbatim note of Princess Juliana's address.—Reuter.

WEATHER FORECAST.

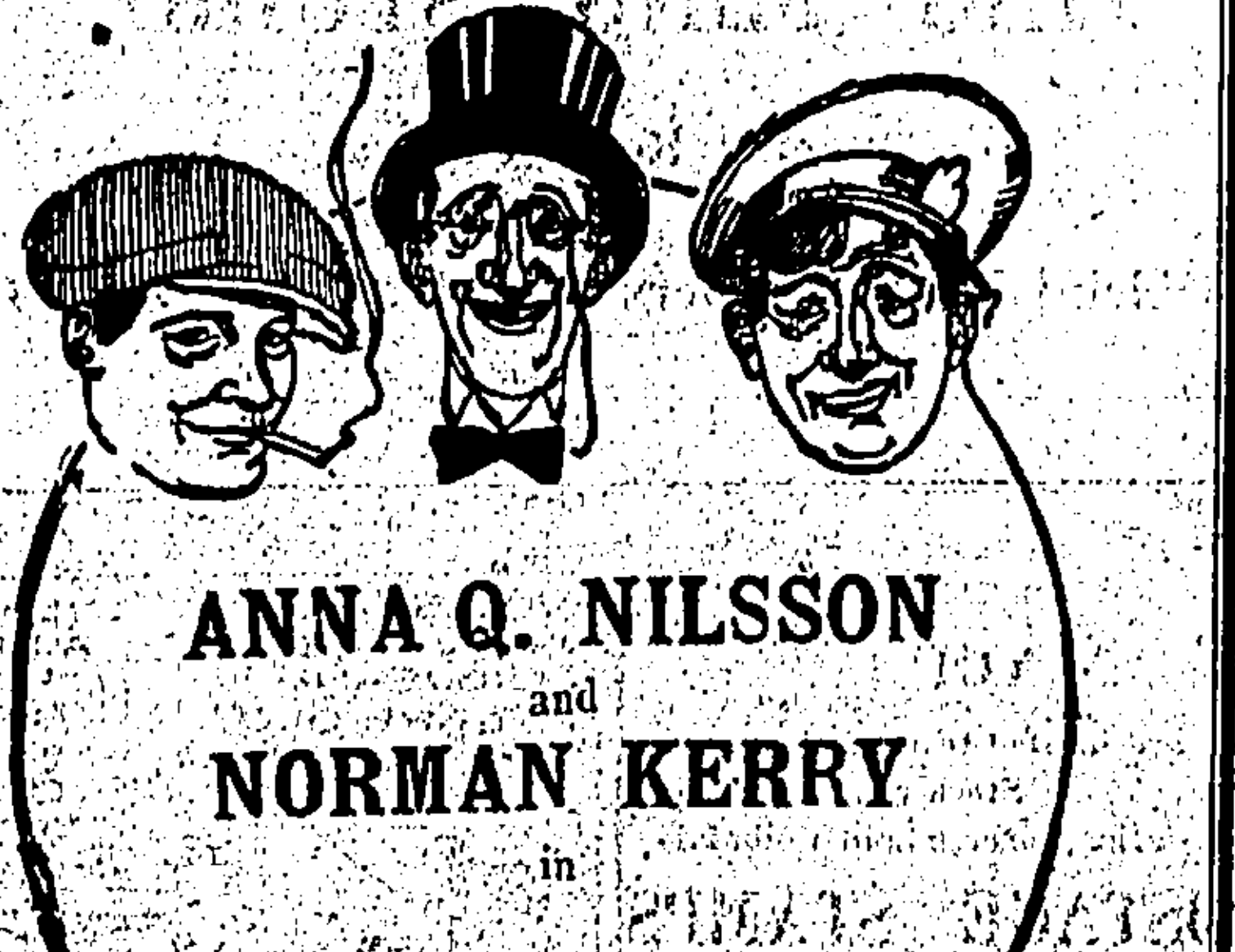
Till noon to-morrow, the official weather forecast for Hong Kong and the adjacent coast is:—moderate S.W. or variable winds, fine to cloudy.

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"There is distinct danger at the present moment of the British stage becoming a sink of sexuality. To be successful every new play has to go a bit further—has to be more daring (it used to be spelt 'indecent'). This sweeping statement was made by Mr. Jerome K. Jerome in a speech from the stage of Bristol's Little Theatre on April 8.

NOVEL PLAN.

A CLEARING HOUSE FOR ARTISTS.

LEAGUE TO ORGANISE WORK.

Mrs. Hunt, a woman painter of New York, has founded a League of Artists, which will probably revolutionise the world of art.

"Ninety-nine per cent. of the output of artists remains unsold," said Mrs. Hunt to a "Daily Express" correspondent in an interview on the eve of her return to the United States. "In the future the artist must consider himself a workman, and be treated as such. The artist is to be blamed and not pitied; he must organise himself.

"At present," continued Mrs. Hunt, "the artist has to beg for work; really he should be asked to work. Today, the world in general is hostile to artists. We live in a period of commercialism, and we regard artists like the unemployed. The dream of the artist is to create a future, and by artists I mean not only painters, but sculptors, musicians, actors, writers and inventors, in fact all those who discover new truths."

Misery.

Mrs. Hunt tells me that when the idea of founding the league came to her in New York she had no money and no friends, except those who laughed at her scheme. "Where is this army of which you speak?" she was asked, and she replied: "At present the army only exists in my head."

"I lived through 'tree years of misery,'" says Mrs. Hunt. "I have two young children, and I had to support them, so I hired myself out as a cook, and often on the corner of the kitchen table I wrote my letters begging people to patronise my forlorn little league."

Mrs. Hunt, however, found the way after a hard struggle. "Enlist the big people," she says "and all the others come tagging on." She divided the people she had to conquer into four groups:—scientists, artists, Church and bankers.

Stabilisation.

The Pope gave an audience recently to Mrs. Hunt in Rome. Mr. Otto Khan is a member of the American committee, while Sir William Osprey, Bertrand Russell, Sigmund Freud, Pirandello, Havelock Ellis, and Freud are among the members of the European committee.

Mrs. Hunt under the auspices of the League of Artists, has formed a Central Clearing House in New York. Its aims are to make art a business. It will control the business relations between the artist and the public; it will make known the real functions of the artist. It will stabilise the rates for purchase and sale, and will fix the value of that which is original.

When one remembers that ninety-nine per cent. of the products of artists is unsold, one begins to believe that Mrs. Hunt has the right idea, but what will Chelsea think of art as a business?

A SCHOOL FOR PRODUCERS.

Two hundred would-be dramatic producers from the provinces are in London this week learning how to put plays on their amateur stages to the best advantage, said the "Daily Telegraph" of April 21.

Many of them are drawn from country villages, where there are women's institutes and clubs which produce little plays during the winter months. Miss Edith Craig, daughter of Dame Ellen Terry, has selected three widely varying text pieces for the students whom she herself is instructing. One is "Thirty Minutes in a Street," an attractive comedy; another is "Everyman," and the third is the "Trial Scene from 'The Merchant of Venice'."

When the British Drama League, which organised the "Producers' School," announced the scheme some time ago it was expected that the number of students would be sufficient only to supply double casts for the plays, a complete group of understudies, and stage staffs. The lists, however, have risen to 800, of whom about a third are men, and not all of the students can be actually used in the productions.

Next week the plays will be produced publicly, and the students will do all the work in connection with them.

NEW CAPEK PLAY.

THE NEW WORLD AND THE OLD.

ADAM AS CREATOR.

Prague, April 13.

The long-awaited first night performance of the new play by the Brothers Capek, called "Adam the Creator," was given last night at the National Theatre before a large and enthusiastic audience. Judging by the bursts of laughter, which followed the ironical dialogue of Adam and the Alter Ego, and the conversation of the other creations, the play may be said to justify its title of fantastic comedy.

Like "R.U.R." and "The Insect Play," it deals with humanity en gros, a type being picked out here and there to illustrate the author's philosophy. Combine the stage perfection of a modern pageant with the didactic conception of an old Morality Play and the brilliant wit of a benevolent pessimist, and you have some conception of the new Capek play. The new world created by Adam is no better than the old, and in fact, is more repulsive and primitive in its vices than before. Even from the point of view of physical perfection, with the exception of the earlier creations, Adam does not seem to have been very successful. Nor has the Alter Ego achieved better results with his endless reduplication of the same type of cloth-capped worker.

Eventually the quarrels between Adam and his Alter Ego, and the dissatisfaction and ingratitude of the created, ending in revolution between the two creators, each, so disgust the followers of each, so disgust the two creators that they long to repudiate the works of their hands. But they grow old in their misery, and are despised even by the loathsome beggar who has such a tenacious hold on property and life. At the solemn climax they both welcome the voice of God which gives them rest from the thankless task of creating.

The play, which relies for its dramatic effect largely on staging and impressionist scenery, was remarkably well produced, the first scene, in which the planets whirled chaotically in the heavens, being particularly striking. It was a realistic rainstorm, accompanied by lightning and heavy thunder. The designs for the most part depict a mechanical age, with tall, crazy sky-scrapers reaching to heaven. Great praise is due to Dr. Hilar, the producer, and to M. Hoffman, the stage designer, for the production.

The same criticism can be made of this play as of "The Insect Play" and "R.U.R." to both of which it bears some resemblance, namely, that symbolism and type psychology take the place of a study of individuals. The first scene, though it begins with world annihilation, yet lacks action. The authors, for all their skill in dramatic art, do not allow one to forget the fact that they are philosophers first and foremost, and that to them the expression of their philosophy is the main thing. Adam the Nihilist, at the end of his ghastly failure to recreate, perceives his error, and as a converted "pragmatist" is brought to realise that the existing world is best, and that all destruction only results in greater chaos.

The performance of M. Vydra, as Adam, and that of M. Karon, as the Alter Ego, were of a high standard, especially in view of the fact that it was a first night.

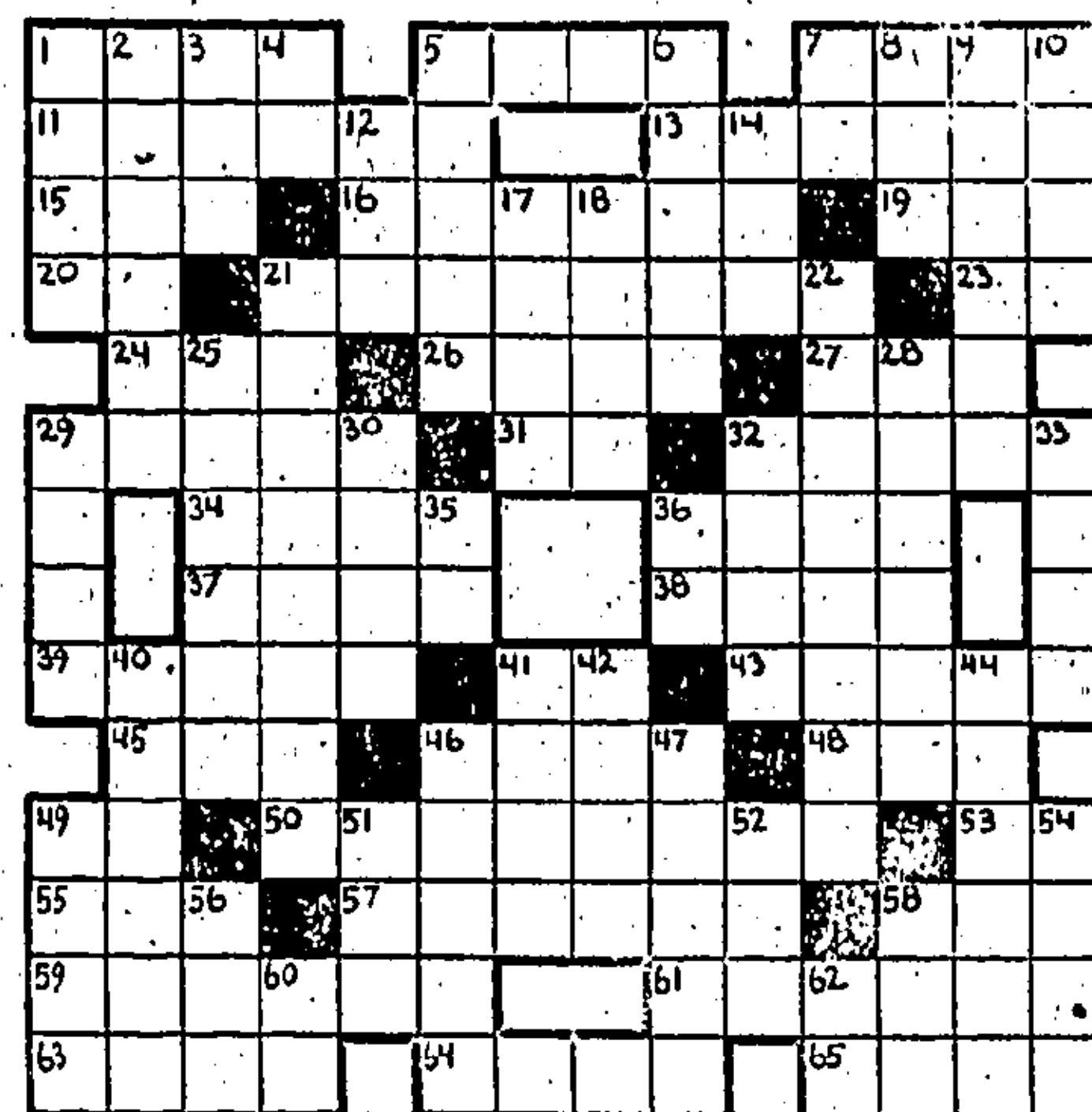
CHOPIN ARTISTES.

The international competition for the best performance of Chopin's works recently took place in Warsaw. Besides Poles, competitors came from various countries—Russia, Germany, Austria, Hungary, Switzerland, Holland, and Belgium.

As one of the speakers said, it might be likened to the troubadour tournaments of the Middle Ages. The standard was a very high one. The performers were indeed finished artists of greater or less talent. The President of the Republic gave his protection, and also the first prize of 6,000 zlotys; the second prize of 3,000 zlotys was given by the Ministry of Education; the third, 2,000 zlotys by the Chopin School of Music in Warsaw; the

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

- 1-Remaining
- 5-Isle
- 7-Precious stone
- 11-Self-evident truths
- 13-Conceit
- 15-Large container for fluids
- 16-Each of two
- 19-Conjunction
- 20-Arabic (abbr.)
- 21-Proclaim
- 23-Point of compass (abbr.)
- 24-Feline quadruped
- 26-Measure the girth of
- 27-Expire
- 29-Closes
- 31-Long ton (abbr.)
- 32-Money
- 34-Turned to the right, as a horse
- 36-Pouches
- 37-Employer
- 38-Insect
- 39-Small excrescences
- 41-Exist
- 43-Rigid
- 45-A grain

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 46-A farinaceous food
- 48-Old cloth measure
- 49-Chemical symbol for tin
- 50-Wicked
- 52-About
- 53-Help
- 57-Over there
- 58-Furlong (abbr.)
- 59-Score keeper
- 61-Complain
- 63-Leathe (abbr.)
- 64-Sour
- 65-Poker term
- 66-Molten rock
- 67-Byzantine governor
- 68-Convulsion
- 69-Toward
- 70-Employing
- 71-Occurrence
- 72-Upon
- 73-Metal fastener
- 74-Made amends for
- 75-Stringed instrument
- 76-Male humans
- 77-Portion of a circle
- 78-Labor

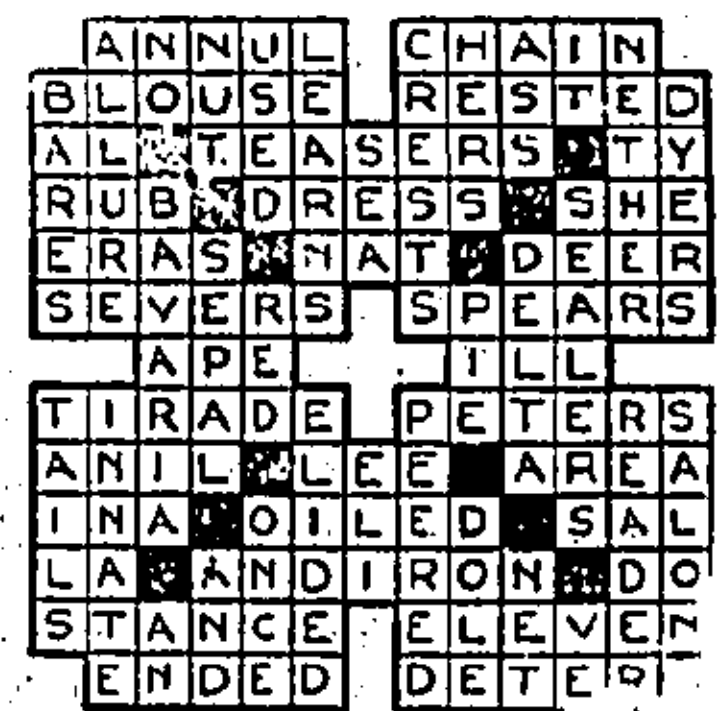
VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 18-Injure
- 21-Confirmed
- 22-Trained
- 23-Omen
- 25-Inculcate
- 26-Flat bottomed boat
- 28-Perceive
- 30-Enthusiasm (slang)
- 33-Ego
- 35-Practitioner of medicine (abbr.)
- 36-Specific gravity (abbr.)
- 40-A liniment
- 41-Granary
- 42-Exclamation
- 43-To display
- 44-Few
- 47-Open to view
- 48-Window frame
- 51-Organ of vision
- 52-Before
- 54-Forcast product
- 55-Point
- 58-Part of fish
- 60-Prefix meaning "again"
- 62-Father

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES
Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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ON THIS PILLAR!

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THE WAY THE WORLD WAGS.

Of a new set of postage stamps for Newfoundland one will bear a portrait of the Prince of Wales.

No further cases of small-pox have been reported at Golders Green, N.W., where six cases were discovered during the week-end.

Twenty minutes of good fun is provided in "Mint Sauce," written by Mr. Seymour Hicks, which was produced at the Coliseum and in which his wife, Miss Ellaline Terriss, appears.

A blind, middle-aged man, going from one institution to another, was sent unattended, but labelled like luggage, by express train from Castlebar to Dublin, a distance of 150 miles.

Apprentice tradesmen and boys enlisted in the Army for training as tradesmen, on attaining 18 years of age need not conform to the physical standards laid down for recruits of the same age.

Tea is to be served in mid-air during afternoon flights by aeroplanes over London and the Thames valley, which are to be included in the summer programme of Imperial Airways.

The Royal Academy has accepted three studies from Mr. Herbert Rollett, a Grimsby grocer, and a picture from Mr. J. E. Hennah, a Newport, Monmouthshire, ex-steel workers. This is Mr. Rollett's fourth similar success, and Mr. Hennah's second.

The initial outfit allowance of £75 to officers of the Regular Army Reserve of Officers, Supplementary List, who are candidates for permanent commissions in the Household Cavalry and Foot Guards, and are required to wear full dress, has been reduced to £50.

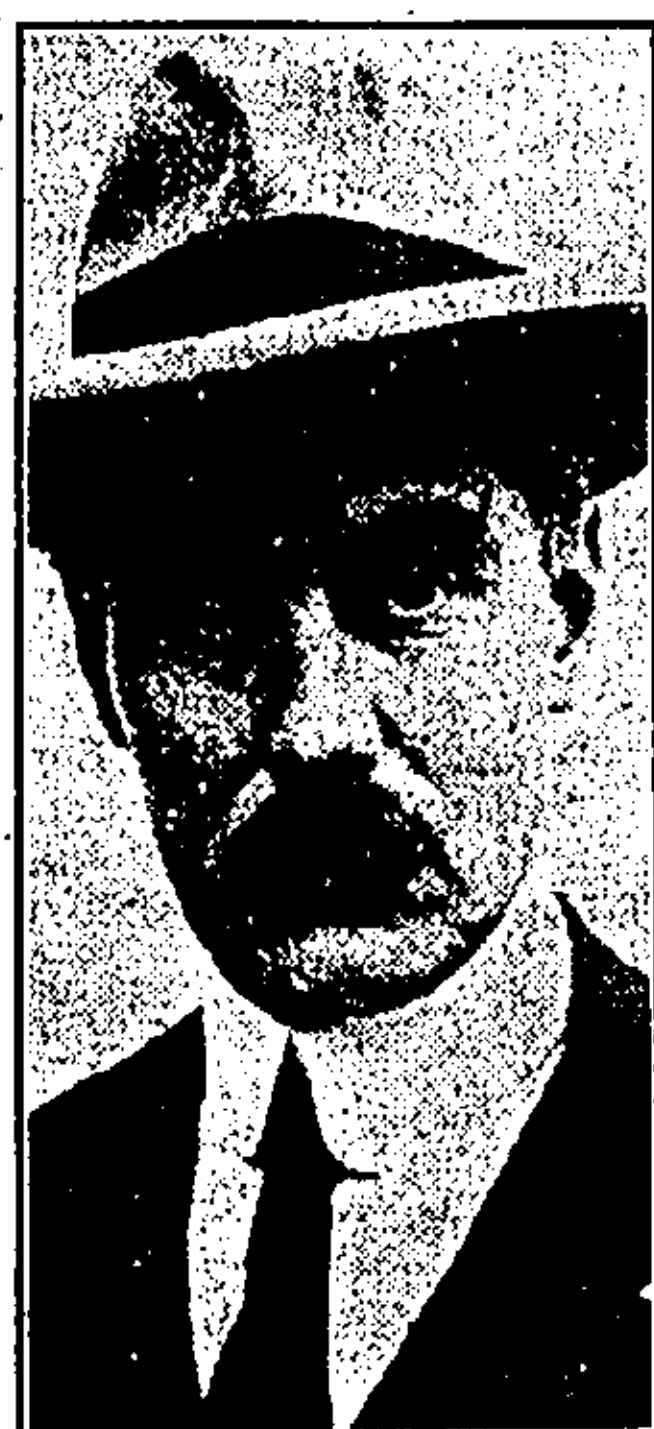
The Minister of Health has refused the appeal of the 43 ex-guardians of the Chester-le-Street Union, Durham, against the surcharge of £460 10s. made against them by the district auditor on the accounts of the late guardians for the period from April 1 to July 31, 1926.

An old man whose death was inquired into by the coroner for North-East London was stated by his landlady to have collected tree and tea leaves to smoke when he had no tobacco.

Nearly 7,000,000 passengers travelled by the L. C. C. trams and over 21,000,000 by the buses, railways and trains of the Underground Companies during the Easter holidays.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald was the guest of honour at a luncheon given by Sir Esme Howard, the British Ambassador in Washington, at the Embassy. Senator and Mrs. Borah and other prominent personages were present.

While the second French destroyer flotilla was at target practice in Quiberon Bay, one of its units apparently mistook the tug which was towing the target for the target itself, and put three shells into her. Fortunately no lives were lost.



Mr. Joseph Greig, Under-Secretary of State, who, it is reported, named Ambassador to Turkey, replacing Admiral Mark Bristol, present commissioner, who will soon take command of the Asiatic Fleet.

An egg-shaped box, of Russian enamel on gold, mounted with strings of seed pearls, and a diamond at each end, realised £231 at Messrs. Christie's.

The price of London standard grade flour was officially advanced by 1s. a sack to 46s. for delivery in the Home Counties, with 1s. a sack less for delivery in London.

The War Office announces that approval has been given to a re-organisation of the medium anti-aircraft and heavy batteries, Royal Artillery, at home stations.

Drawings and etchings by Old Masters realised £3,521 at Messrs. Sotheby's portrait, done in pen and ink with wash signed and dated 1505, by Dürer fetching £2,500.

The Society of Miniature Rifle Club announces that entries for the second year's contests to discover the best team of school-boys in marksmanship close on October 30.

For stealing from a shop a 10s. note, which he hid in his cheek, Osmond Laughlin, 34, printer, was sentenced to seven days' imprisonment with hard labour at Salford.

A delegation of the German Chamber of Retail Distributors of Hamburg is at present visiting London to study questions in connection with the organisation of retail distribution.

While going to bury a cat he had found dead outside his house, Mr. J. Dale, of Rampart Road, Hythe, Kent, an old member of the bowling club, dropped dead on the bowling green.

Among congratulations received by Mr. Pyle, of Yeltington, near East Budleigh, Devon, who was 101, were those from Mrs. Trickey, of Budleigh Salterton, who was 102 last month.

Dr. R. E. H. Pickard, Principal of Battersea Polytechnic, S.W., has been appointed director of research at the Shirley Institute, Manchester, by the council of the British Cotton Industry Research Association.

When eight youths were fined at Rotherham for stealing 12 detonators it was stated that by the discharge of some of the detonators one boy had lost the sight of one eye and another had lost two fingers.

A message from Wellington says that the Rev. J. Milne and the Rev. W. Gray Dixon have sailed for Switzerland, where they will represent the New Zealand Presbyterian Church at the Faith and Order Conference to be held at Lausanne in August.

Portuguese and Spanish engineers have held a conference with the President of the Portuguese Republic to discuss the new project of spanning the river Tagus—the narrowest width of which is, at Lisbon, about three miles—by a suitable bridge for vehicles and pedestrians.

At Feltham, Middlesex, Police Court W. H. Shephard was sentenced to two months' hard labour for stealing a suit of clothes, valued at £4, belonging to his son, Harold William Shephard, into whose bedroom he was said to have forced an entry.

A conference of delegates from Scottish societies all over New Zealand has opened in Wellington to consider a proposal to link all Scottish bodies in the federation thus enabling united action to be taken regarding questions of immigration, national sport, the promotion of the study of Scottish history and literature, and kindred matters.

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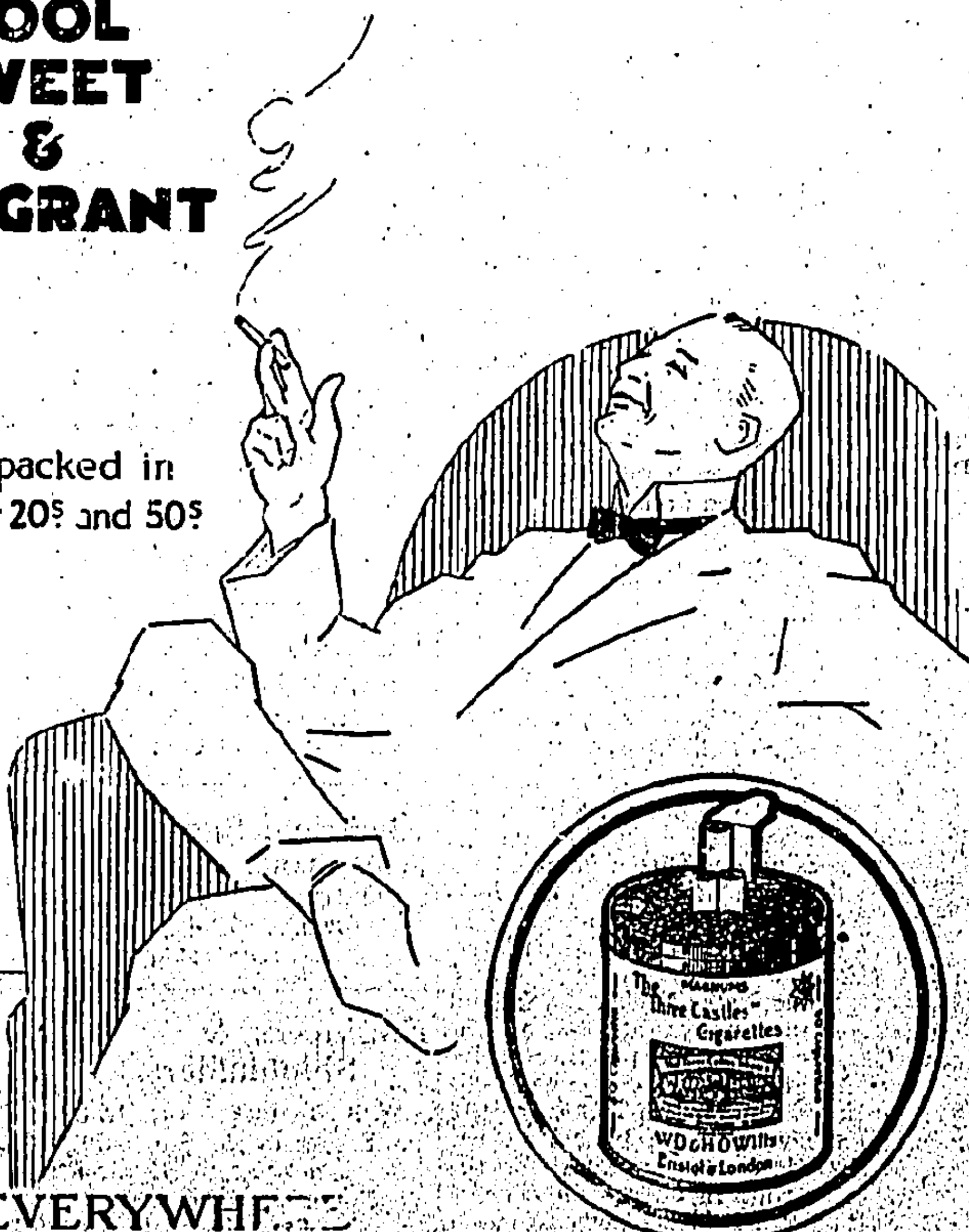
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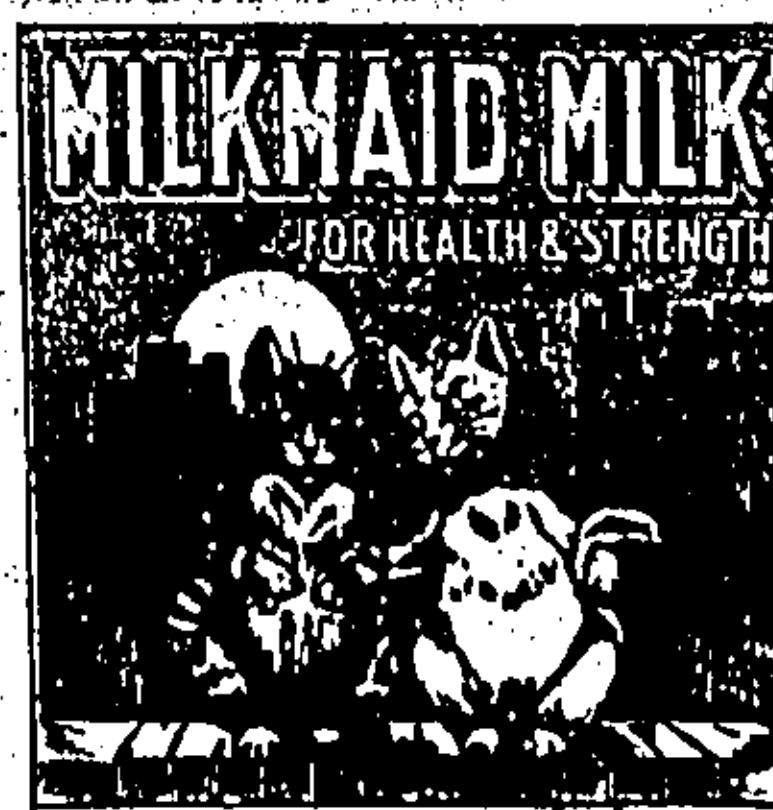
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Manila	20	Empress of Russia.

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Hohow & Bangkok	9 a.m.	Chang Tai.
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Shanghai & Europe via Siberia	9 a.m.	Shantung.
Swatow, Amoy & Poochow	9 a.m.	Hai Hong.
SUNDAY, JUNE	5	Hozan Maru.
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa	9 a.m.	Hozan Maru.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa	9 a.m.	Andes Maru.
SUNDAY, JUNE	6	Autolycus.
Swatow	9 a.m.	Liangchow.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America & Europe via San Francisco—due San Francisco 30th June & Europe via Siberia. Parcels 11 a.m. Registration 11.15 a.m. Letters Noon.	6	President Pierce.
Manila	7	President Monroe.
TUESDAY, JUNE	7	Menado Maru.
Hohow, Pakhol & Halphong	8.30 a.m.	Kalgan.
Swatow & Bangkok	10.30 a.m.	Hai Ching.
Swatow, Amoy & Poochow	Noon	Huchow.
Wei Hai Wei	2 p.m.	Huchow.
Saigon, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 7th July. Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m.	7	D'Arnyan.
Manila	8.30 p.m.	Empress of Russia.
Manila	4.30 p.m.	President Jackson.
Amoy	5 p.m.	Kingyuan.

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KING'S BIRTHDAY

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The Naval Contingent.

The Naval contingent consisted of one ceremonial battalion of seamen, comprising four ceremonial Companies; four double platoons of Royal Marines and a field gun battery which fired the Royal Salute.

The fifteen aeroplanes which were present throughout the proceedings and flew in formation of three in front of the lines of troops prior to the March Past from the Fleet Air Arm at present stationed in Chinese waters.

The Brigade Commander of the Naval Contingent was Comdr. L. D. T. McKinnon ("Danae"), the Battalion Commander, Comdr. H. M. Sprackley ("Probius"), the Commanding Officer of the Royal Marines, Major F. A. Hamer and the Field Gun battery under Lt. Jeffery ("Dragon").

The Naval contingent was drawn from H. M. ships "Frobisher," "Dragon," "Danae," "Delhi," "Dauntless," "Hermes," "Tamar," "Titania" and "Marazion" and Submarines, comprising Royal Navy, 36 officers and 578 men and Royal Marines about 280.

Governor Arrives.

On the arrival, prompt at 9 a.m., of H.E. the Governor and A.D.C., Capt. C. H. Steele, M.C. (escorted by the Mounted Infantry of the Volunteers, under Capt. H. B. L. Dowbiggin), His Excellency, who was in full levee regalia and mounted, was met at the saluting base by H.E. Major-General C. C. Luard, C.M.G., D.S.O. (General Officer Commanding), Major F. C. Roberts, V.C., M.C., D.S.O., and members of the General's staff. To the left of the saluting base were various heads of military departments including Lt.-Col. S. Boylan Smith, D.S.O., O.B.E., Lt.-Col. P. A. Cardew, Lt.-Col. H. Riley, Lt.-Col. P. J. Bell, Major J. Macready, Major G. L. Peterson, O.B.E., Major F. Hogg, and the Rev. G. F. Stopford (C.F.).

At the right of the saluting base was Rear-Admiral W. H. D. Boyle, C.B., and his staff, including Capt. T. P. P. Calvert, D.S.O., Comdr. J. L. Pearson, Paymaster Commander, Cruise Capt. Robertson, (Flight Aviation Officer) and Captains of the 1st Cruiser Squadron.

On the Governor's arrival at the saluting base, the Royal Salute was given by the troops, the massed bands playing the opening bars of the National Anthem.

Investiture and Inspection. His Excellency, prior to inspecting the troops, invested the following with long service and good conduct medals: 1st Class Master Gunner Broadhurst (R.A.), S.Q.M.S. Newberry (R.A.S.C.), Sergt. Crossan (K.O.S.B.) and Sergt. Bardell (K.O.S.B.).

His Excellency then inspected the troops from the right flank of the column, the massed bands playing the slow march ("The Colours") meanwhile.

On the return of His Excellency to the saluting base, the Artillery and Infantry combined in the "feu de joie," the salute of 21 guns being divided into three, with a volley from the three extending smartly along the line from front to second rank in the intervals. The opening bars of the National Anthem were played by the massed bands in the first interval, the second part in the second, and the complete National Anthem at the conclusion of the "joie de vivre."

The effect of this was most impressive. The field guns fired across the Valley in front of the troops, creating a veritable smoke screen, and almost ere the echo had died away, the rifle fire had swept down and up the lined troops—a matter of a few seconds.

The Royal Salute was then given in honour of His Majesty and the troops, removing their helmets as one man, joined in three hearty cheers in honour of His Majesty's birthday.

The March Past. Then came the most impressive part of the whole ceremony, as the various units, re-fixing bayonets, marched past the saluting base in column by Company, their soldierly bearing and per-

fect order combining with the Regimental airs of the bands to create a spectacle which will live long in the minds of those privileged to witness it.

The massed bands of the military Regiments played the English and Welsh Battalions past and the pipes and drums played past the Scottish Companies. First came the Royal Navy to the accompaniment of that old traditional air "Hearts of Oak" by a band consisting of Volunteers drawn from the cruiser squadron in port; then came the Royal Marines, who are hardly sailors but who adopt with pride "A Life on the Ocean Wave" (played by the Royal Marines band); the Royal Artillery—dismounted—"British Grenadiers"; the Royal Engineers—"Wings"; Scots Guards—"Highland Laddie"; Queen's Own—"Braganza"; Welch Regiment—"Ap Shenkin"; the Northampton—"Northamptonshire"; King's Own Scottish Borderers—"Blue Bonnets Over the Border"; Cameronians—"Kenmuir An' Awa"; Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps—"British Grenadiers"; Punjab—"5/2 Punjabis"; Mule Corps—"Wait for the Wagon".

With the return of the various units to their original positions and the playing of "God Save The King," a memorably impressive ceremony was brought to a conclusion.

The various detachments later marched through Wanchai to the City, with their bands at the head of each Battalion.

At noon, all cruisers in Harbour fired a salute of 21 guns in honour of His Majesty and in the evening, there will be a searchlight "tattoo" (similar to that given on Wednesday night).

A Record "Crush."

Local transportation facilities were heavily taxed this morning even riches being at a premium. Those who were astir round about 7.30 rode to Happy Valley in comfort, but later arrivals were considered lucky if they succeeded in securing standing room in the tramcars. Many had to walk all the way to Wongachong. Motor car touts had an off day, they were in the position of having fares looking around for them and then they were as hard to unearth as the proverbial needle in the haystack. Garage cars were all booked days before, while the taxi stand in town was empty at an early hour.

TO-NIGHT'S RECEPTION.

Arrangements for 1,700 Guests.

About seventeen hundred guests are expected at Government House to-night at the reception in celebration of the birthday of His Majesty the King.

Guests will be received at 9.30 and at 10 p.m. the pipes, bugles and drums of the "Cameronians," previously drawn up outside Upper Albert Road, will march on to the lawns and give selections of music.

A novel item will be the torch-light dancing of picked men from the Cameronians.

The Band of the K.O.S.B. will be in attendance from 9 p.m. for those who care to dance.

Government House and the lawns have been specially decorated for the occasion with coloured electric lights; a feature of the lighting effects being the "G.R." pricked out in electricity facing the harbour.

BERLIN STOCKS.

SUFFERS ANOTHER "BLACK DAY."

Berlin, June 2. The Stock Exchange suffered another "Black Day," quotations in many cases falling even below the level of "Black Friday" of the 12th ultimo.

The new slump was due to the inevitable sales by private parties needing cash for monthly settlements, and to the "Bear" immediately exploiting this. Finally, the Board Committee, in order to avert a catastrophe postponed the official quotations, and number of shares.—Reuter.

"God Save the King" in coloured lights and flags decorated the front of the Pioneer Silk Store in honour of H.M. the King's Birthday. The interior of the store is also tastefully decorated. On behalf of the local Indian community, Mr. V. Raghunath has enabled birthday greetings to His Majesty. The Pioneer is closed for business throughout the day.

HOME HONOURS.

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Royal Flying Corps in 1912. He served in the war with distinction, receiving a number of decorations, and was Commandant of the Royal Air Force Staff College from 1921 to 1926.

Brigadier General Sir Samuel Herbert Wilson, K.C.M.G., has been Permanent Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies since 1925. Joining the Royal Engineers in 1893 he had a distinguished Army career, and during the war saw much active service, being mentioned in despatches seven times and receiving several foreign decorations. During the war he also served as Principal Assistant Secretary to the Overseas Defence Committee, the Home Ports Defence Committee and the Imperial Communications Committee. After the war he was appointed Governor of Trinidad and Tobago and later Captain General and Governor-in-Chief of Jamaica.

G.C.M.G.

Grand Cross of St. Michael and St. George.

Lieut.-General Sir Robert Baden-Powell, created a baronet in 1922, famous the world over as the founder of the organisation of Boy Scouts and Girl Guides to promote good citizenship in the rising generation. Sir Robert has had a distinguished military career, having seen much service abroad, and he is the author of a number of books on scouting. He is the holder of numerous British and foreign decorations.

His Highness Charles Vyner Brooke, Rajah of Sarawak. Educated in England, he joined his father in Sarawak to study the duties of Government. Sir Charles Brooke now rules over a population of 500,000 souls and a country of 40,000 square miles. He has led several expeditions into the far interior of the country to punish head hunters.

The Rt. Hon. Sir John Anthony Tilley, P.C., K.C.M.G., Ambassador to Tokyo since 1926. Entering the Foreign Office in 1893, Sir John Tilley has seen much service at Home and abroad. He has acted as British delegate to arms conferences in Europe and frontier conferences in Africa.

C.M.G.

Commander of St. Michael and St. George.

The Esqir Abdullah of Trans-Jordan. Second son of King Hussein, he was appointed Emir in 1921. Transjordan consists of three districts and is under the same mandate as Palestine. The emirate has an Arab population of about 240,000.

C.V.O.

Commander of the Royal Victorian Order.

Sir Francis Dicksee, President of the Royal Academy since 1924. He is the painter of some of the most popular pictures of the generation, among them being "Harmony," "Romance and Juliet," "The Passing of Arthur," "The Funeral of a Viking" and "The Two Crowns." He was knighted in 1925.

D.B.E.

Dames of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire.

Princess Mary, Viscountess Lascelles, the only daughter of the King and Queen, married the eldest son of the Earl of Harwood in 1922 amid remarkable demonstrations of popular satisfaction.

Dame Nellie Melba, the famous soprano and operatic singer who takes her name from her native city of Melbourne. Dame Nellie Melba was made a D.B.E. in 1918 for her work on behalf of war charities. She appeared for the last time in opera, on June 8, 1926, and held a farewell concert in the Albert Hall the same month.

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